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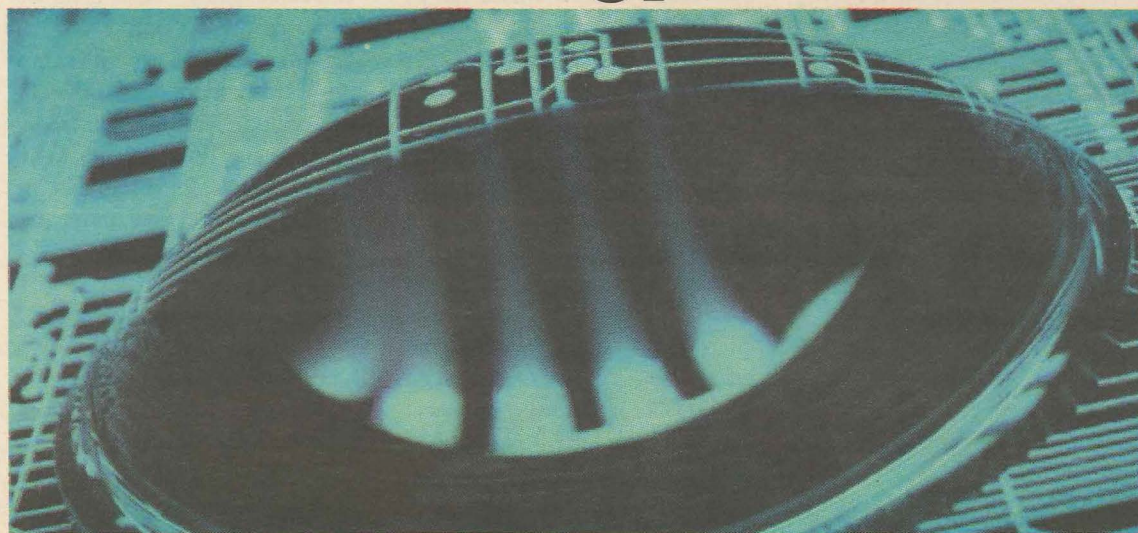
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The annual Meet Menomonie picnic, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, was held yesterday in an effort to welcome UW-Stout faculty and students back to campus.

Nanotechnology at Stout?



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By Xander Moser
Chief Copy Editor

The technology that we use everyday is constantly advancing. In an effort to keep up, universities are adapting and creating more technologically advanced courses and programs.

The University of Wisconsin-Stout has this in mind by adding a new concentration to the engineering technology major: nanotechnology.

According to www.nano.gov, nanotechnology is "the understanding and control of matter at dimensions of rough-

ly one to 100 nanometers," a nanometer being one-billionth of a meter.

To give it a little more perspective, one piece of paper is roughly 100,000 nanometers thick.

Nanotechnology is used in countless everyday applications, ranging from LCD screens to certain medications.

"Nanotechnology, along with other new concentrations, is in the early stages of development involving staffing, courses and external advisement," said David Brenholt, the interim pro-

gram director for the engineering technology program. "They have gone through all of the university approval processes to be offered as concentrations within the engineering technology degree; however, they are not open to enrollment at this time."

In the near future, UW-Stout students will be learning about the latest techniques involved in one of the most advanced fields of technology.

Child obesity workshop

By Tracy Considine
News Editor

The University of Wisconsin-Stout has invited speaker Ellyn Satter of the Ellyn Satter Institute in Madison, Wis. to deliver her views on "Children, the Feeding Relationship and Weight: An Introduction to the Possibilities."

Her workshop will be held Monday, Sept. 11 from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Great Hall, which is located in the UW-Stout Memorial Student Center.

Satter will be available in the Prairie/Pioneer room in the Memorial Student Center before the workshop between 8 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. for questions.

The agenda for the workshop includes feeding dynamics and weight regulation, prevention of child weight issues, establishing weight problems in children, getting started in your setting and planning for the next steps with strategic leaders.

Satter is a childhood nutrition expert and author. Her workshop will cover issues of childhood obesity in relationship to parent-child responsibility.

Her presentation will in-

clude information regarding nutrition and she will explain her "Division of Responsibility in Feeding," which basically states that parents are responsible for what, where, and when the child eats and the decision of how much to eat rests on the child.

Satter focuses heavily on educated parenting as a means to prevent child obesity. She believes that there is a common misconception that children are overweight because they eat too much. Rather, she suggests that the root of the problem lies in how children are fed, not what they are fed.

Satter has 40 years of experience and is an author of many books on the subject of eating and feeding, including "How To Get Your Child to Eat—But Not Too Much," "Body Image" and "Secrets of Feeding a Healthy Family." Her books focus on her personal goal to revolutionize feeding and eating.

Satter supports an unconventional method of obesity prevention that recommends "doing the opposite of what seems

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right...feeding children rather than restricting them."

She will also touch on aspects of child activity in relationship to child nutrition. Satter believes that underfeeding and forced activity is counterproductive to raising healthy children as well as an overeating and inactive approach.

"If parents are over managing or insufficiently supportive, feeding as well as psychosocial development is likely to be disrupted," wrote Satter's in her 1992 "Zero to Three Journal."

For more information on registration for Satter's workshop, you can contact Molly Schaeffer at Molly_Schaeffer@yahoo.com. Otherwise, Lydia Chowa of the Nutrition Education Center in the Home Economics building is available through 232-3285 or by e-mail at chowal@uwstout.edu.

Administrative updates for this year

By Xander Moser
Chief Copy Editor

It is the start of another school year, not just for the students but for the administration as well. They have been hard at work all summer preparing for the upcoming school year.

There have a number of changes in the administration staff, including finding a new chief of information officer and communications director. These positions are set to be filled soon; once this is complete, the administration staff will be back to full strength.

One major issue that has been discussed extensively is whether to label the University of Wisconsin-Stout as a "polytechnic" university. Many strong opinions have been voiced, both for and against.

Administration went through a six-month process of analyzing the feedback collected and examining other polytechnic schools around the nation.

UW-Stout has many similar characteristics to other polytechnic universities, such as a high lab to classroom ratio, a majority of students completing co-ops, and many project-intensive courses.

Chancellor Charles Sorensen believes that UW-Stout should "take our strengths and mold them into what we want as a polytechnic university," instead of simply copying all of the other polytechnic colleges.

Last year, the university senate affirmed the decision to name UW-Stout as a polytechnic university; this summer they reaffirmed the decision. However, the process is not yet complete

and many decisions have yet to be made.

"I hope that by the end of this year that the board will say 'yes' to this designation," said Sorensen.

Another topic that has been discussed is the Laptop Initiative program.

This is the fifth year of the program, and there has been

much positive feedback from both students and staff.

With nearly all UW-Stout students now possessing laptops, the laptop program has become somewhat of a UW-Stout trademark; "it's no longer a novelty; it's who we are," said the Chancellor.

NEWS for the college attention span

Text message in politics

Voting in a poll booth is no longer the only way to get directly involved in politics. It seems that text messaging has moved its way past friendly conversation and wedged its way into political issues, the latest being fuel prices. Representatives from the Natural Resources Defense Council Action Fund (NRDC) will be making their way on the stage of concerts with bands such as the Red Hot Chili Peppers to encourage crowd members to text "MABO"—Move America Beyond Oil, to a number where software will compile telephone data. The NRDC will then follow up with intentions to enlist support for the MABO petition.

"Crocodile Hunter" dies

Not everyone was a fan of the "Crocodile Hunter." Academic Feminist Germaine Greer of Sydney, Australia, was glad to see the end of what she considered to be "exploitive nature" in the Crocodile Hunter's documentaries.

Stephen Irwin, 44, died in a diving accident off the Great Barrier Reef when he was pierced by the poisonous spine of a stingray. Irwin was seen pulling the spine from his chest just moments later.

Assistant coach arrested

Joe Cullen, the Detroit Lions' assistant coach, was arrested twice in the past two weeks. The first arrest was due to driving nude and obscene conduct. The second arrest was on suspicion of drunken driving.

There is no further information on reasons why Cullen might have been nude, but the Lions say alcohol was most likely involved in that incident as well.

Atheists in America

In response to the attacks of Sept. 11, three experts took the less traveled road, proclaiming that religion is the reason for the problems in America. Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson expressed beliefs that the attacks were a result of God's anger for the harboring of feminists, gays and civil libertarians.

Sam Harris, a then 34-year-old neuroscience graduate student, went so far as to write a book called "The End of Faith." In his book he expressed his thoughts that Atheists "are seen as a threat to the American way of life by a large portion of the American public."

Prescription perplexity

New Research conducted by the National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES) suggests that most adults have a certain amount of illiteracy when it comes to prescription drug instructions. Dr. Rima Rudd of the Harvard School of Public Health believes that "the majority of U.S adults will have some difficulty using health-related materials with accuracy and consistency." Tests conducted by the NCES found that less than one-sixth of Americans are proficiently literate in health and prescription jargon. Rudd credited these startling statistics to his belief that health directions are written at a level well above that of the average consumer.

Jail time for former governor

Former Gov. George Ryan has effectively ruined his political career because of a corruption scandal. Ryan reportedly suspended executions in Illinois while vacating death row. The 72-year-old governor has been sentenced to six-and-a-half years, while prosecutors were asking for ten years.

He was formally charged with racketeering conspiracy, fraud, and taking payoffs from political insiders. Ryan expressed his regrets saying, "people in this state expected better, and I let them down."

Lifetime achievements

Stephen Spielberg, Dolly Parton, Smokey Robinson, Andrew Lloyd Webber and Zubin Mehta will all be receiving honorary medals from the Kennedy Center.

They will be presented their medals this December at the White House and will have dinner at the State Department.

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Staff Editorial The Stoutonia Staff

As you walk by the newsstands this week, how many people besides you do you think are going to read this article? How many do you think are going to be interested enough in the topics to keep picking up future issues? And how many do you think will walk by without even taking a glance?

Let's not hide anything here—*The Stoutonia's* popularity has recently been dwindling, and not as many people are picking up the pa-

per anymore. An easy excuse for this problem would be to claim that people just don't read the newspaper anymore, but that isn't the whole truth.

Questions have been asked and suggestions made by *The Stoutonia* staff about what can be done to increase readership. At the conclusion of the last semester, *The Stoutonia* conducted an online reader's survey, the results of which have given us a good idea of areas that we can improve in.

Surprisingly, the comics section—one of the biggest entertainers in many other school and professional newspapers—is getting some of the most complaints. The reader's survey at the end of last semester showed an alarming amount of negative feedback in this area. The feedback ranged from students who only mildly enjoyed one or two of the strips to people who actually wanted to do away with the comics section altogether.

Another gripe concerned the overall layout of the paper.

"I think *The Stoutonia* needs a new layout," said Ashley Suddendorf, a junior studio art major. "I usually just flip it open to what I want to see and then I'm done with it."

Other students agreed

that the design of the paper wasn't standing out as much as it could, and that a redesign of the layout might help.

Fortunately, this is one area where *The Stoutonia* staff strongly agreed with the students. The newspaper you now hold in your hands displays a much trendier and modern look than our old layout, which will help pave the way for further redesigns as the year progresses. This new look and feel comes courtesy of new production manager Russell Griesmer, who put in long hours at the drawing board.



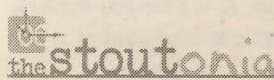
Although the layout will definitely make a difference in appearance, students also want to read stories that are more energetic and less monotonous. Students have expressed that they often lose interest when reading because the columns seem similar or repetitive issue after issue.

The goal here is to improve our writing and content as we strengthen and experiment our aesthetics.

One thing is for sure: there are going to be many changes in upcoming issues, and chances are there will

be screw-ups here and there as we try to make improvements. Keep in mind *The Stoutonia* staff always has and will continue do the best we can to inform the student community of UW-Stout.

Ultimately, any newspaper needs to appeal to its readers foremost, and *The Stoutonia* staff are always more than willing to listen to the suggestions and opinions of those around them. After all, without an audience, *The Stoutonia* would only be wasted paper.



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Nostalgia and The Incredible Hulk



Matt Schubbe
Columnist

It's difficult for students to begin a new year of school (or a new semester of writing) and pick up where they left off. But that's neither here nor there, because as I sit staring at the Incredible Hulk Pez dispenser on my desk, I realize I have to write something. Or buy refills for the Hulkster.

Of course now my over-active mind draws parallels between my small plastic gamma-irradiated chum and myself. He's been taking some time off since I've been away and, like myself, he's been waiting for a lot of things over the past three months, besides candy.

What I've found in my short time back is that what I've truly missed this summer are the trivial nuances and irreplaceable conversational elements of college, the kind

coming only from living closely with people your own age. It sounds stupid but I'm learning that insignificance can become significant if enough people experience it.

Checking mail and debating if the word "coupon" can be repronounced "coo-pun" or wondering how many Broadway musicals have an "I" in the title are just two examples of the last two days' conversation topics.

Nothing big to most, but these insanities and many more like them seem to have a snowball effect on me and mine, eventually becoming part of the mythos of our relationship.

It's hard to achieve such an effect when separated from those who cause it.

I'm rambling now, and waxing VERY philosophical as opposed to my usual style. Maybe it's because it's my last semester, or that I may have to grow up soon. But regardless of tone shift, as long as I've got toys like ol' Hulk on my desk I won't ever get TOO serious. So here we go. One more time with feeling. Hulk Smash.

Your parents may have warned you



Sam Schuna
Opinions Editor

I can't deny that I consider myself somewhat of a prudish and law-abiding lad. I don't drink, nor indulge in any legal or illegal chemicals, and I have always obediently followed my parents' advice gratefully. However, I must be honest with you, dear reader. There is a dangerously powerful substance among us more potent than any drug out there, a highly addictive concoction on which I have developed a dependency and would only advise for people who have tried every hardcore substance under the sun and survived. I am warning you that this substance will make you trip out like nothing you've ever experienced.

I am talking about Snuffy's Malt Shop in Minnesota, so please keep the following on the DL.

The setup is like any other restaurant or bar. From the outside and inside everything looks normal, and nothing questionable appears to be going on. But when you order one of their many flavored milkshakes, everything changes.

The only reason these malts are still legal is because even the police are addicted out of their eyeballs. I am telling you, the experience is indescribable in words, but the chemical reaction that occurs in your brain is pure insanity. Simply put, the malts are better than copulation, which is pretty much the highest compliment a beverage (or anything else) can receive.

Beware though, once addicted to this substance there are consequences. I've been experiencing withdrawal symptoms for over two months now, and the cravings do not go away. Sometimes I swear I see babies crawling on the ceiling with Snuffy's malts in their arms, and trust me, that is one thing you do not want to experience.

Indulge at your own risk, and please: don't tell my mom.

Bash showcases UW-Stout organizations

By Kristie Wilson
Campus Editor

Tuesday, Sept. 5, the sun was shining and the wind was calm for the organizations at the Backyard Bash.

The Bash was a great opportunity for freshmen and new students to walk around and see campus organizations and ways to get involved at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

There were several booths available trying to recruit students for organizations, including sports booths such as rugby, running, skiing, and wakeboarding.

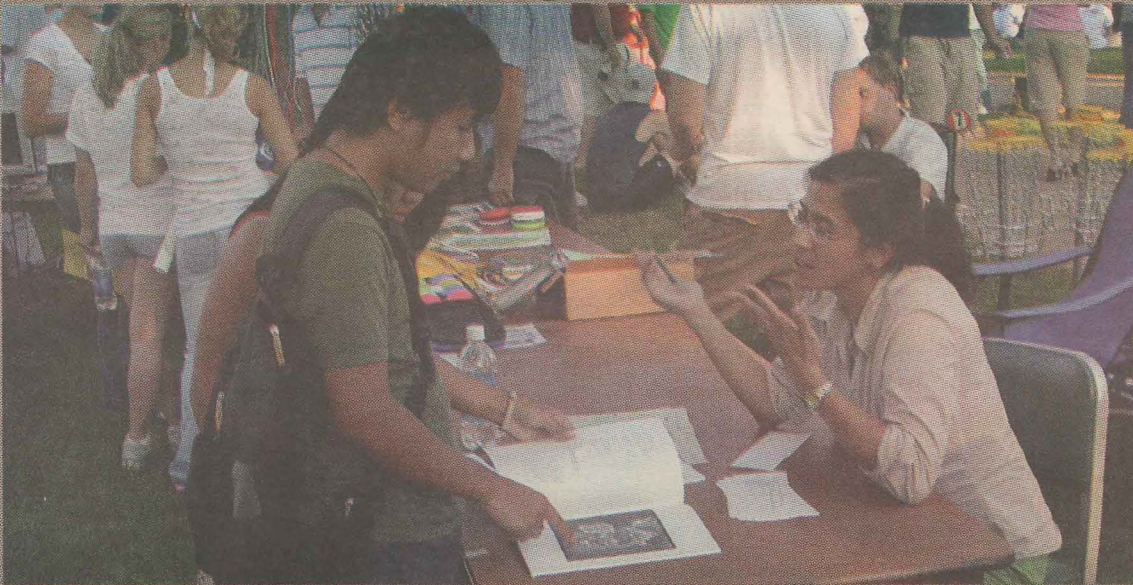
The human bowling ball,

the bungee trampoline and the dancing hula hoopers were popular Bash events.

Other popular areas were the character drawings and the paintball booth, which was looking for new club members.

"The purpose of the Backyard Bash is to inform freshmen and newcomers of the activities available," said Seamus Dwyer, president of the Stout Paintball Club. "All you need to do is get involved to have an amazing year!"

While scoping out the campus activities, there were corn-dogs, nachos, soda and root beer floats to be enjoyed while meeting new friends and hanging out with old ones.



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Many students were happy to learn more about school organizations and about how to get more involved.

Welcome freshmen

By Kristie Wilson
Campus Editor

First year advisers

A first year adviser is assigned to all freshmen coming to The University of Wisconsin-Stout. These advisers act as the "go-to" person to help the newcomers in their transition to UW-Stout and will be assisting them until advisement day in the spring, after which the students will make the change to their program adviser.

Advisers are assigned according to the student's academic program and are there to help with any questions or concerns that may arise.

First year advisers have office hours in the Advisement Center in Room 11 of Bowman Hall. Check with your Resident Adviser for adviser information.

Career services

Let the staff at career services help with job searches. They can also help find co-ops or full-time positions and help with writing resumes.

UW-Stout has an online career service called Stout Career-Link. It is Web-based, making it easy to access by students.

The database management tools help students, alumni and employers. You can also turn in your resume online for some jobs!

To contact the career service office, log onto www.uwstout.edu/careers/ or call 232-1601.

Rec Center and Health and Fitness Center

For those who are looking to get involved and stay active, check out what the Rec Center has to offer.

First, there is the Health and Fitness Center (HFC). This is where the state-of-the-art gym is located.

The HFC is also where group fitness classes are held.

Stout Adventures is available for those students who love the outdoors. Members are given the opportunity to go to

the backcountry, go down waterfalls, climb on a rock face or just explore the outdoors around the area. Stout Adventures also has the popular indoor climbing wall.

Another option is sport clubs to get involved with. There are 18 varsity sports teams to join, which compete against other universities.

The intramural sports allow students to make their own team and face other teams from the university.

Beware the FRESHMAN 15

The beginning of the year means that freshmen may be worried about gaining the infamous "Freshman 15," while the second year students are concerned with losing theirs.

Since parents are not around to enforce better lifestyle decisions, healthy eating habits are often forgotten. What is desired and what comes easiest is not always the healthiest.

Keeping up with daily exercise and maintaining a healthy diet is important to help prevent the extra pounds.

Matching employers with employees

By Kristie Wilson
Campus Editor

The annual campus job fair took place Tuesday, Sept. 5. Applications were available from departments and offices from all over campus for both work-study and state payroll jobs.

When entering the job fair, students were welcomed as the difference between work-study

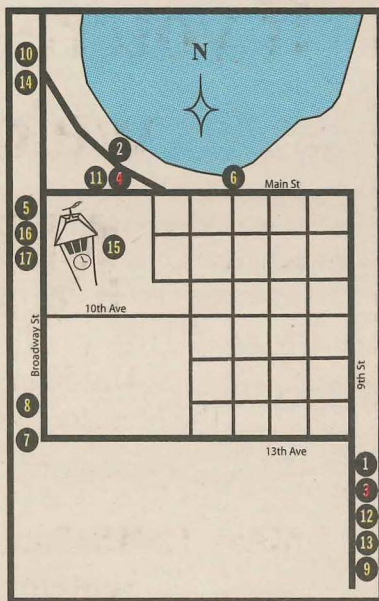
and state payroll was explained. Work-study is determined by your financial need and is federally funded, whereas state payroll is, not surprisingly, a state funded student work program for students who did not qualify for work-study.

Some of the departments there included the University Dining Service, Alumni Foundation, Rec Center, Event Services,

Art and Design Department to name a few. It was a great opportunity for any unemployed student to see what jobs are available. A digital job application form can be found at www.uwstout.edu/students/jobs.

It can be searched by clicking on 'students' and on or off campus jobs. This may help with finding the right job to fit best with schedules.

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3. Erikson's Family Pharmacy M-F: 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Sa 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Su 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Pharmacy hours: 3 p.m., 1 p.m.
4. Medicine Shoppe M-F: 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Sa: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Restaurants

5. Acoustic Café M-Th: 8 a.m.-9 p.m. F: 8 a.m.-10 p.m.

Sa: 9 a.m.-10 p.m.

Su: 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

6. Burger King

Su-Th: 6 a.m.-11 p.m.

F-Sa: 6 a.m.-1 a.m.

7. Dairy Queen

10:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Daily

8. Domino's Pizza

Su-W: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Th-Sa: 11 a.m.-3 a.m.

9. El Patio

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F: 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Sa: Noon-10 p.m.

Su: Noon-9 p.m.

10. Fortune Cookie

M-Sa: 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Su: 4 p.m.-9 p.m.

11. Jeff & Jim's Pizza

Su-T: 10:30 a.m.-Midnight

W-Th: 10:30 a.m.-2 a.m.

F-Sa: 10:30 a.m.-3 a.m.

12. Kingdom Buffet

M-Sa: 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

Su: 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.

13. Papa Murphy's Pizza

Su-Th: 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

F-Sa: 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.

14. Subway

9 a.m.-11 p.m. Daily

15. That Mexican Place

T-F: 7 a.m.-9 p.m.

Sa: Noon-9 p.m.

16. Erbert & Gerbert's

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Su: 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

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Saturday, Sept. 9

>Yeshuapoolooza, Wilson Park Bandshell, 12 p.m., Free. Benchwarmers, Pawn Patio, 8:30 p.m., Free.

Thursday, Sept. 14

>Fires at Night, UW-Stout Rec Center, 8 p.m., Free.

Friday, Sept. 15

>Dave Coulier, Great Hall, MSC, 8 p.m., \$5 for Stout students, \$10 for general public.

Thursday, Sept. 21

>Open Mic Night, Rec Center, 8 p.m., Free.

Saturday, Sept. 23

>Royal Tenenbaums, Pawn Patio, 7 p.m., Free.

Thursday, Sept. 28

>White Light Riot + This World Fair, Rec Center, 8 p.m., Free.

Have anything to add to the Campus Calendar? Send suggestions to

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A semester of distraction



Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

The University of Wisconsin-Stout has long been known as a "suitcase campus."

In other words, many students pack up and leave town on the weekends to go elsewhere, mainly due to the fact that students find little to do on the weekends besides party.

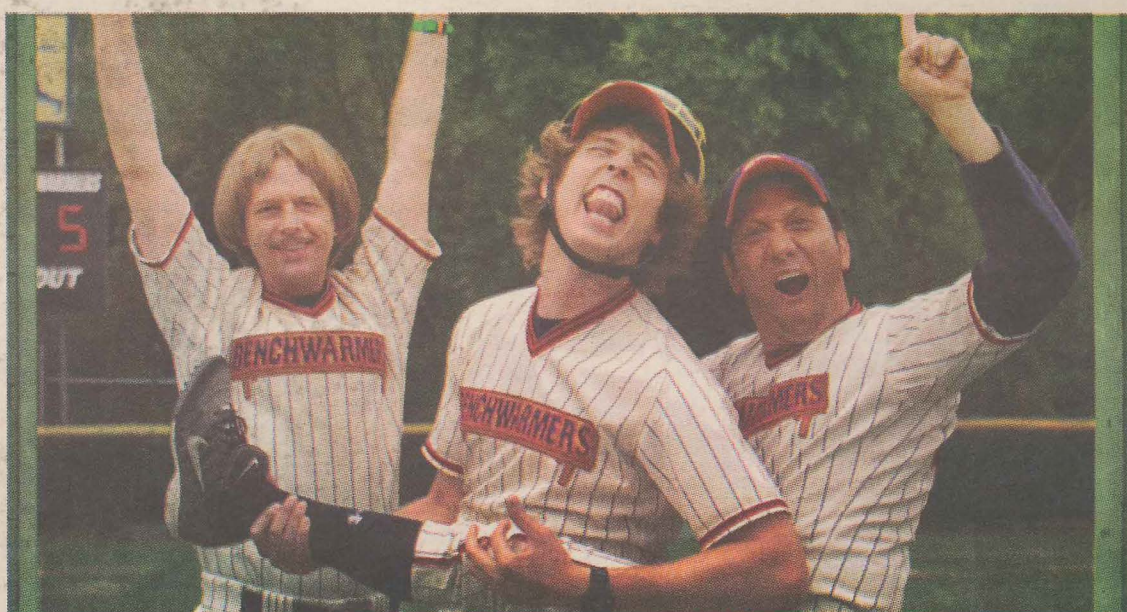
Blue Devil Productions is introducing a new program to help change that, showing movies at the Pawn Patio free to students on most Saturdays, beginning Saturday, Sept. 9, at 8 p.m. with "Benchwarmers."

Another movie, "The Royal Tenenbaums," has been scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 23 at 7 p.m. in Applied Arts 210.

There is also a variety of bands and musical artists slated to perform throughout the semester, free to UW-Stout students.

Singer and songwriter Shevy Smith with Eight Day Kick will perform Thursday, Sept. 7 at 8 p.m. on the Pawn Patio.

Fires at Night, a band from



"Benchwarmers," starring Rob Schneider, David Spade and Jon Heder, will be shown free of charge to UW-Stout students on Sept. 9 on the Pawn Patio.

Source: <http://www.moviemaze-wallpaper.de>

the Twin Cities, will be playing Sept. 14 in the Rec. Center with the Chicago rock/punk/alternative bands Treaty of Paris and 12 Summers Old.

This year, Open Mic Night will be held in the Rec Center, which supports full acoustic sound, allowing bands the opportunity to be included in the competition.

This year's homecoming theme has been designated "pirate invasion," and as a

precursor to the homecoming events, BDP will be showing "Pirates of the Caribbean 2: Dead Man's Chest" Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. in Applied Arts 210.

The competitions between organizations and other groups on campus will all support the "pirates invasion" theme. Each participating group will select a king and queen candidate. Pirate softball will be held in Wakanda Park. Players will need to dress up as pirates.

The soap box derby is back this year for homecoming as well, along with the annual drag show.

There will be a "couch-a-thon," where participants sit on the front lawn of the Memorial Student Center and decorate their couches according to the pirate theme. Musical artist Ameila Dahlin and band Endless Blue will perform, and there will be a mentalist present to entertain.

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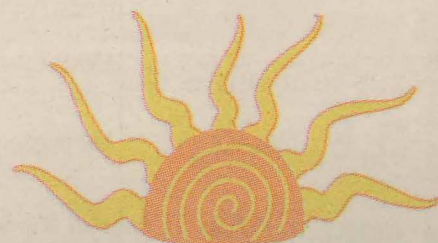
Newman students meet Thursday evenings, 5:00pm at the Ministry for dinner, conversation, faith exploration and support.

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Samurai film festival at local library

Ellen Schuetz
Entertainment Writer

The Menomonie Public Library will host the Samurai Film Series starting Nov. 9 and through December.

These movies have been hailed as entertaining as they are historically accurate.

The series of films will be introduced by Dr. Don Cunningham, who will lead discussion about the movies following each showing.

Cunningham is an assistant professor in the English and philosophy department at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

Cunningham gained knowledge of the ancient samurai culture when he lived in Japan for several years.

He is an instructor in judo and practices jujutsu (unarmed self-defense) and kendo (sword-fighting).

"Twilight Samurai" will be the first film in the series.

This film, directed by Yôji

Yamada, is about a mid-19th century, low-ranking samurai named Seibei Iguchi.

As a widower with two daughters, Iguchi has to work in the rice fields to support his family. He finds out that his love, Tomoe, is getting a divorce, but will things work out for him?

"Ame Agaru," or "After the Rain," will be showing on Nov. 16. Directed by Takashi Koizumi, this film focuses on the life of Ihei Misawa and his wife, Tayo. As a result of heavy rain, the couple is forced to take shelter at a country inn.

While stranded, the couple brings joy to the other residents. When Lord Shigeaki finds out about Ihei's fencing knowledge he makes him into the fencing instructor for his men. Trouble arises when the men become jealous of his skill.

The film "Samurai Fiction" will be showing Nov. 30. This story is filled with feudal lords and samurais.

A conflict develops over a

precious sword, and everyone is fighting to get it back.

The story shifts from a quest for the sword into a tale of revenge.

On Dec. 7 the library will show the movie "Mibu Gishi Den," or "When the Last Sword is Drawn."

In order to support his family, the samurai Kanichiro Yoshimura is forced to look for a higher paying job when he runs into financial trouble.

He joins a clan in order to earn as much money as he can for his family, and chaos ensues.

These movies run from 7-9 p.m. each Thursday. The Menomonie Public Library is located at 600 Wolske Bay Road.

For more information, the Menomonie Public Library can be contacted at 232-2164.

Yeshuapolooza returns

Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

Yeshuapolooza, an annual music festival, will be held on Sept. 9 at the Wilson Park bandshell.

Each year the event is organized by Street Level Ministries.

This year's festival will include six diverse bands from the underground Christian music scene and guest speaker David Pierce.

Pierce is founder of Steiger International, a world-wide ministry.

He is also the lead singer in the hardcore group, No Longer Music, which will be playing at Yeshuapolooza.

The rock-a-thon, in its ninth year running, will feature The Blind Munchies Coffeehouse, the Pit BBQ Grill, hack circles, a photo booth, monster hoops and many on-site organization tables.

Jesus Rock Radio, 101.7 FM, will broadcast the day's events.

Performing at Yeshuapolooza are the bands Angry Atom (punk rock), Undying Anthem (modern rock), Wannabee Hasbeens (rock), Runway 36 (art rock) and Tom Feldmann (delta blues).

Each of these bands are past performers of either Yeshuapolooza or The Blind Munchies Coffeehouse.

"I'm so excited for this year's show," said Sacia Marquardt, an excited Street Level Ministries member. "The lineup this year is awesome."

All proceeds from Yeshuapolooza will go to native missions in India.

Because of Yeshuapolooza, Street Level Ministries was able to send enough money last year to fund the construction of a church building in Jeypore, India.

Pastor Christodan Takri from the church was able to view the show online and addressed the entire Yeshuapolooza audience via streaming video.

Comedian welcomes Stout students to the new year



Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

Stand-up comic Pete Lee performed at the Pawn Patio the evening of Tuesday, Sept. 5 for University of Wisconsin-Stout students. A student who demanded to be addressed as "Farley" comically introduced Lee, who took the stage wearing a Myspace.com T-shirt.

The crowd received Lee with vigor. He interacted with his audience throughout the show, throwing out rapid-fire punchlines and witty one-liners.

Lee's most common punchline, which was printed on green T-shirts and sold to students after the performance, was, "You look fat when you cry."

Lee is from Janesville, Wis., and incorporated his childhood into his performance with jokes about being the wimp in the family and having a gym teacher as a father.

The audience received his jokes about Wisconsin with hearty laughter and applause. One of his lines included, "In Wisconsin, the only time someone has a designated driver is when their girlfriend is pregnant."

At times, Lee's jokes were vulgar; still, he kept his juvenile tastes at a level that was not alienating.

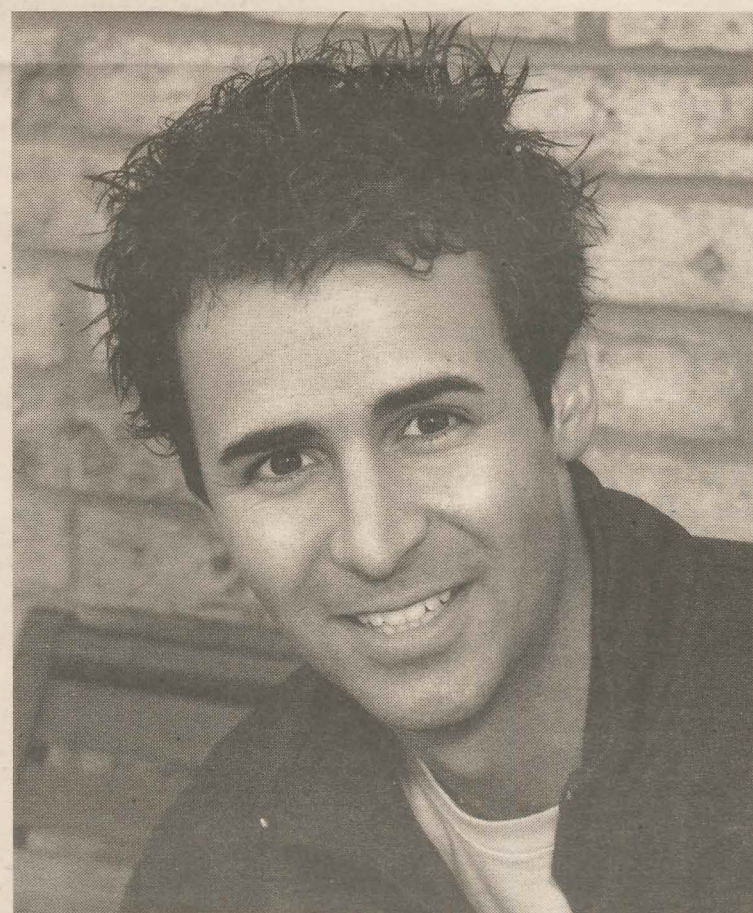
Lee recently moved to New York City to pursue film school.

"I moved to New York because I wanted to get in touch with my inner prick," he said.

Lee has earned runner-up in the Comedy Central Stand-up Challenge. He placed second in the semi-finals of the Comedy Central Laugh Riots Competition. Last year he toured the Middle East to entertain the troops and returned in December "a changed man."

Recently, Lee finished filming "A Prairie Home Companion the Movie," playing the role of a stagehand. His album "Gasmoney" plays on XM Satellite Radio on channel 150.

He has also been heard on "The Bob and Tom Show" and can be seen in the upcoming season of Comedy Central's "Premium Blend."



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Comedian Pete Lee made students laugh on Tuesday with his witty antics and salty humor.

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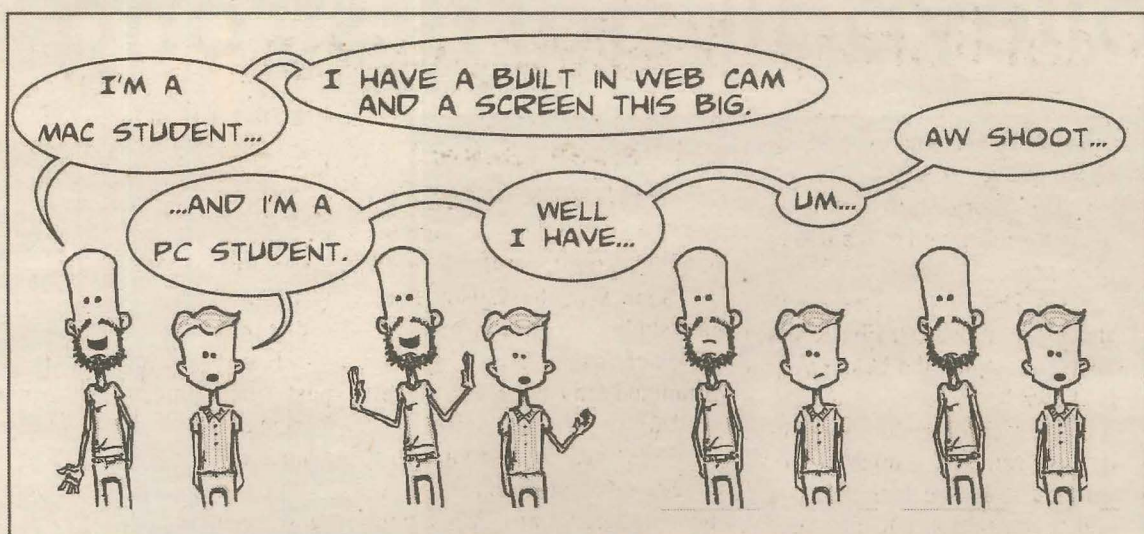
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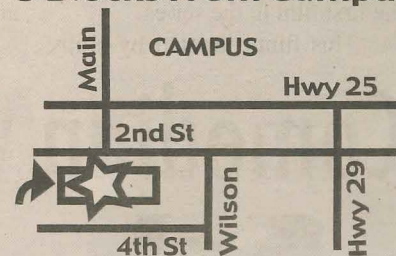
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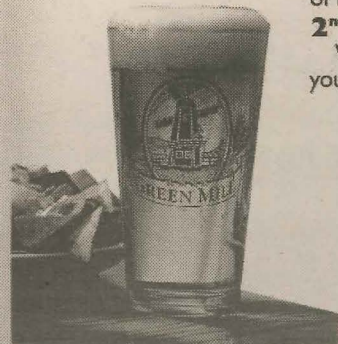
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The football team won 25-18 against William Penn on Aug. 31

Next Game:
Sept. 16 at Upper Iowa



VOLLEYBALL

The volleyball team won 3 of 4 games at the UW-Eau Claire Labor Day Tournament

Next Match:
Sept. 8 at Augsburg Invite



SOCCER (1-2)

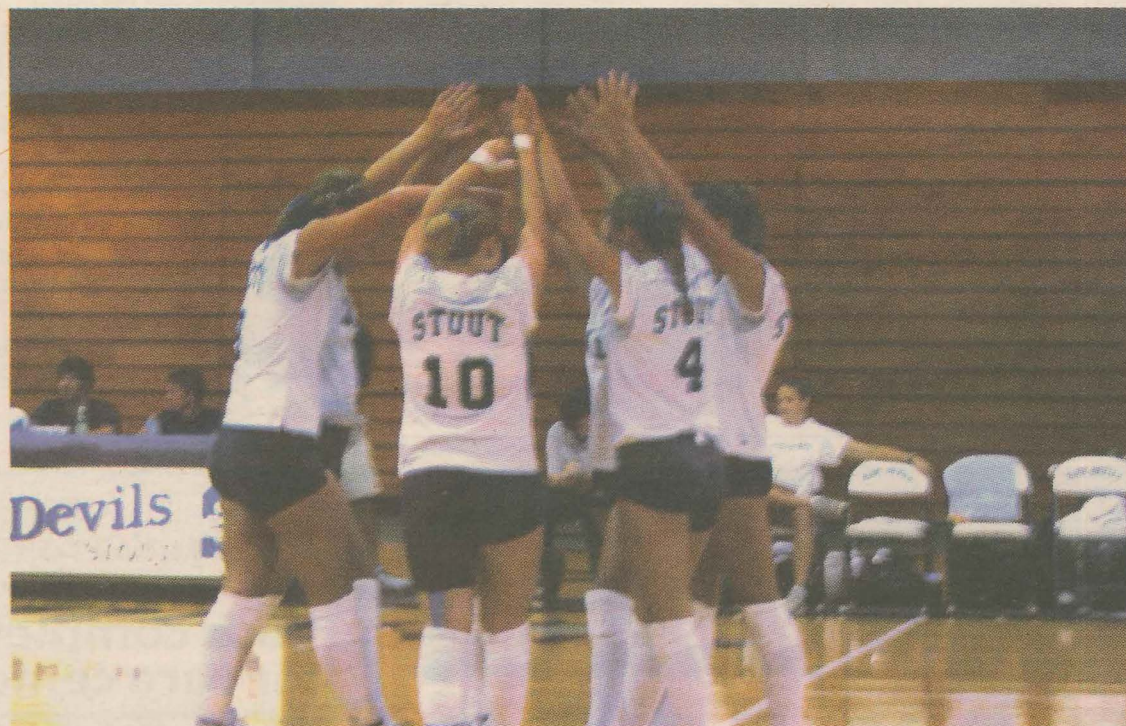
2-1 FINAL

The soccer team won in overtime against Bethel University for their first win

Next Game:
Sept. 8 against St. Olaf at UW-Stout



Girls' volleyball starts strong



Jason Marsh/Stoutonia

This picture is of the Lady Blue Devil's volleyball team. The girls are in their last huddle before the St. Scholastica games starts.

By Casey Nold
Sports Editor

The University of Wisconsin-Stout volleyball team has

started the season with a bang! The girls made their debut Sept. 1 and 2 in the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Labor

Day Volleyball Tournament. Of the nine teams invited to the tournament, UW-Stout faced four, opening the season with a

record of 3-1. The Blue Devils defeated Buena Vista University in their first game of tournament play.

UW-Stout turned out to be Buena Vista University's only loss in the tournament.

The Blue Devils received their loss against Central Iowa College on the first day of tournament play.

On the second day of the tournament, the Blue Devils went on to defeat Milwaukee's Cardinal Stritch University and Alverno College.

UW-Eau Claire went on to win the tournament holding the only undefeated record.

Central Iowa College and Buena Vista University walked away with the same record of as UW-Stout.

The next tournament for the Blue Devils is the Augsburg College Invite on Sept. 8 and 9.

The tournament will be held in Minneapolis, Minn. with the girls competing against Northland College, the University of St. Thomas and Augsburg College.

Athletic fun for everyone

New year of intramurals at UW-Stout

By Ryan Scheuerman
Stoutonia Business Manager

As the University of Wisconsin-Stout's 2006-2007 school year starts off, so does the first set of intramural sports. Intramurals are a great way to get out, meet people and get a little exercise.

For those looking to do that, this is a great opportunity to get back into the game, and for those who were never athletic, this could be a great way to start.

For a small fee, teams can get together and enter a completely different world of competitive sports.

Each team decides how frequent and when, or if, you hold practices. The only guar-

anteed time needed is the time it takes to play the scheduled games.

The first block of intramural sports consists of flag football, sand volleyball, softball, and bean bags. Registration for the first block of sports takes place Sept. 7 through Sept. 12. Games begin on Sept. 17.

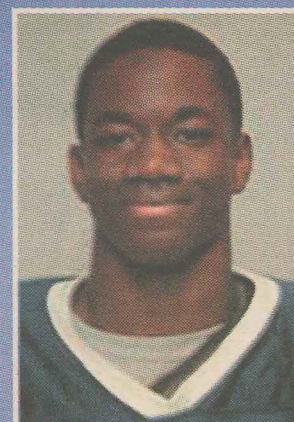
Intramural sports registration information can be found at the Student Organization Desk in the lower level of the Student Memorial Center.

There is an informational meeting about the intramural sports on Sept. 13. For more information about costs, schedules and rules, click on the university recreation link under the UW-Stout homepage.



THE FACTS: A sophomore hailing from Palm Beach Gardens, FL, Walker was named WIAC special teams player of the week.

Halfway through the fourth quarter of a game versus William Penn, Walker returned a 48-yard kickoff, giving the Blue Devils perfect field position. The team took the advantage and used it to score the winning touchdown.



NEWMAN MASS ON CAMPUS

Beginning **Wednesday, Sept. 13**, Mass will be offered on campus at 10:00pm in **The Oakwood Room**.

If you have questions contact The Ministry at 235-4258
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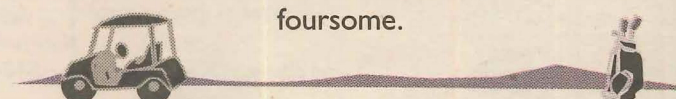
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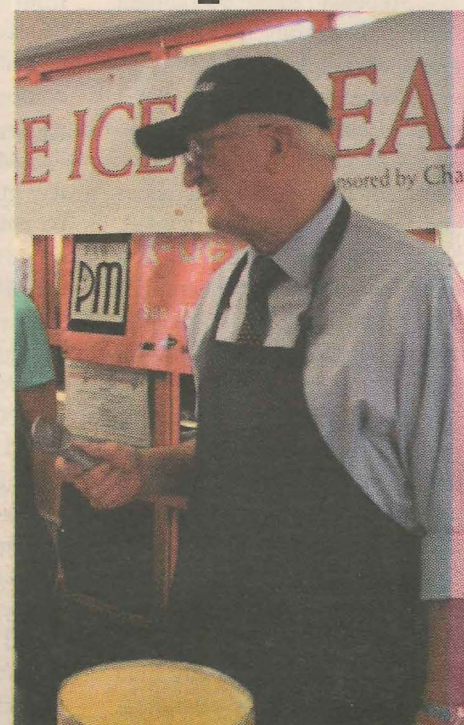
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Girl's soccer team continues to grow stronger

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Chancellor Sorensen has the scoop



Jason Harsh/Stoutonia

Students and staff are brought together by the sweet taste of ice cream at the Sept. 13 free ice cream social, sponsored by Chancellor Sorensen. Even Sorensen joins in the fun, ice cream scoop in hand and smile on his face.

Come help the animals and "Walk for Paws"

By Tracy Considine
News Editor

The Dunn County Humane Society (DCHS) is hosting Walk For Paws on Saturday, Sept. 16 at Wakanda Park in the Lion's Club Pavilion. The money collected at the walk will go to help animals at the Humane Society. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m.

The DCHS is a non-profit no-kill shelter that was created to provide for the needs of homeless animals throughout the Dunn County area.

To help the Humane Society, walkers are asked to collect pledges before the day of the walk and bring their completed pledge form and money to the

registration line. Checks should be made payable to the Dunn County Humane Society.

Any walker that raises over \$25 in pledges walks for free. Walkers who raise over \$100 in pledges will receive a free T-shirt. Anyone who is unable to collect \$25 in pledges can walk for a \$10 contribution. Groups of two or more with less than the minimum pledge can walk for \$15.

In addition, every dog, or other pet, that walks will receive a free DCHS personalized bandana, but of course walkers without pets are welcome. Walkers who bring pets must have them on a leash of no more than

six feet and must clean up after their pets' messes.

Walkers who collect the most pledges will have a chance to win some outstanding prizes. There will also be a raffle, tickets for which are being sold at the Dunn County Humane Society, Brakken Vet Clinic, Hoof and Paw, Country Doctors and at the Lion's Club Pavilion on the day of the walk. Tickets are a dollar a piece or six for five dollars.

First prize wins a 14 karat gold ring, second prize wins a one day guided fishing trip for two, third prize wins a quilt made by generous donator Jackie Greene.

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Stacy McCormack/Stoutonia

A face like this just begs to be noticed. Can you help this kitty?

G.I. Bill receives facelift, courtesy Gov. James Doyle



Gov. James Doyle

By Jenny Stabenow
News Writer

This past Memorial Day, Gov. Jim Doyle added more

funding to the 2005 G. I. Bill for veterans and their dependents, allowing them to attend the University of Wisconsin system colleges or Wisconsin technical schools at little cost.

The original bill was signed in 2005 and waived tuition by 50 percent. However, Gov. Doyle has recently altered it so "ultimately, students in this program are looking at a \$700-800 bill per semester," according to Larry

Graves, the University of Wisconsin-Stout assistant registrar. This money will cover book and computer fees.

To receive the funding, veterans must complete eligibility forms. Dependents of veterans must complete eligibility forms and submit either a death certificate or a disability rating notification letter.

"The program was created to help veterans," said Graves.

Veterans are eligible if they entered active duty as Wisconsin residents and are currently Wisconsin residents.

The dependents are eligible if the veteran died in the line of duty or has a 30 percent or greater rate of disability because of their Veteran Affairs service. Also, their related veteran must have entered the service as a Wisconsin resident or had been a resident at the time of their death.

To attain the waiver, a child of an eligible veteran must be enrolled as a full-time student and must be between the ages of 18 and 26. Spouses whom are not remarried surviving spouses and veterans themselves do not need to be full-time students. The waiver will cover up to 128 credits or eight full-time semesters.

Graves explained why this

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Upcoming Career Conference to help students find work

By Matthew Ader
News Writer

As the new school year begins and students settle into their schedules, the first thing on everyone's mind is the annual Career Conference. Somehow, few would believe that statement is true. However, this year's Career Conference is presumably the best way to find employment.

Students may be caught feeling like they have many years left here at the University of Wisconsin-Stout and don't need to start looking for a job or co-op yet. Others may have attended previous conferences and felt their time was wasted. Many may be undecided and don't feel they need to search for future jobs. For most, it is a great opportunity to get a leg up on the competition.

The Career Conference is perhaps the single most important event to happen in anyone's college career. LaMont Meinen, and the crew he directs at Career Services, has created an "environment where students can network with businesses and alumni to help find careers in any field they wish." To those attending,

it is a great opportunity to find contacts for future job applications. For those not planning on attending, attend anyway.

The career conference will be on the main level of the Memorial Student Center where it will take up the Great Hall, all of the Crystal Ballrooms, and most of the hallway. It will be running Oct. 3, 4, and 5, and runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Nearly 300 businesses are expected to attend, and this career conference will be the largest of its kind in the Midwest.

Make sure to identify which day your major (or majors) will be present at the conference, as no company will be staying in the MSC for more than one day. This information can be found at <http://www.uwstout.edu/careers/careerco.shtml>.

Not all students are going to spend the same amount of time talking with prospective employers, but make sure to save several hours, if necessary, to collect all relevant information. Make sure to talk to professors ahead of time and ask permission to leave early or arrive late to class.



Source: <http://toyogosei.com>

Last year's students flock to see the Career Conference at its best.

Asking potential employers questions is encouraged. However, avoid asking questions, writing down the answer and then leaving. It is more respectful to listen to company's short

presentations, shake hands with employers and part for other booths.

Business attire is not necessary at the career conference in all situations but is highly

recommended. This is the perfect opportunity to make a good impression, so dress nice if possible. Upperclassmen are probably going to want to dress as nice as possible to catch the eyes of their future employers. Either way, it never hurts to look good and present the best first impression possible.

Some companies will not be staying until closing, so be sure to go as early as possible. There is nothing worse than finding out a company of interest is at the conference and arriving only to discover a vacant display.

Make sure to keep visiting the Career Conference in the years to come.

Many companies will remember previous interviews bettering chances of an internship, or possibly even the perfect job.

G.I. Bill/ revised

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program is unique: "You always hear about programs where students are doing something on campus. Here's a program that works in the opposite direction and the school gives back to the students."

If you believe you may be eligible or want more information, contact Larry Graves in 109 Bowman Hall.

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The raffle is not the only activity to enjoy at Walk For Paws. There will also be a number of contests to participate in such as best tail wagger, best matched pair (look and dress alike), best singing dog, best behaved dog, furthest traveled, stupid pet tricks and smallest/largest dog.

Non-walkers are welcome to come enjoy music by the "Mavnes," a silent auction, a basket raffle, an appearance by Jingles the clown and food and refreshments.

DCHS is also asking for

volunteer help. They are looking for people to volunteer socializing with the animals to promote human interaction for increased adoptability.

Other areas of need include office support, shelter maintenance, fundraising, foster program and membership promotion, and to donate items on their

wish list. For a full wish list visit www.petfinder.com/shelters/dchs.html. Most importantly, the DCHS is hoping for adoption of their furry friends.

Come during shelter hours: Monday and Tuesday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.; and Saturday, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

NEWS for the college attention span

Sept. 11, remembered

Five years after the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States, 2,749 people mourned at the site of the World Trade Center. The site held four moments of silence: one at 8:46 a.m. and another at 9:03 a.m. in honor of the exact times the planes hit the towers and two more at 9:59 a.m. and 10:29 a.m. in remembrance of when the Trade Centers fell to the ground. President Bush reassuringly spoke, "I vowed that I'm never going to forget the lessons of that day. There is still an enemy out there who would like to inflict the same kind of damage again. My most important responsibility is to protect the people."

Gas getting cheaper?

Gas prices fell 21 cents in the past two weeks, but don't expect it to keep dropping. The significant decrease in gas was due to the end of summer travel's high demand for fuel. Summer road trips are over for nine months, the demand and price of gas has decreased. However, another large price drop won't occur unless the price of crude oil decreases.

BlackBerry diverts plane

A United Airlines jet on its way to San Francisco made an unexpected stop in Dallas due to an unclaimed BlackBerry found on board. The date of this diversion: exactly five years to the day of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. However, the BlackBerry was not found to be any type of explosive device and the flight carried on.

New Yorker hits jackpot twice

Valarie Wilson, a deli worker from Long Island, won \$1 million four years ago from a state lottery game. Last month this lucky lady won yet another \$1 million from a scratch-off game. She will continue to work her deli job.

Naked Cowboy's debut album

A Times Square must-see attraction, the Naked Cowboy, has announced he is working on a debut album.

It will be a mix of country, rock'n'roll, R&B, and blues. He's been on the streets of Times Square for eight years making a living off of tourist donations. His goal is to become a "multi-gazillionaire."



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The Internet's integrity up for sale?



Staff Editorial
The Stoutonia Staff

Nearly every person that attends the University of Wisconsin-Stout uses the Internet frequently, if not every day. Some of us even have our own Web site, like an address to a house in a huge city.

The Internet has been compared to an information super highway. Over its short history, however, that super highway has become a shopping mall.

But that's not necessarily

bad... because in that virtual mall everyone has an equal opportunity to hawk their wares, whether they be they products or ideas.

That kind of equal opportunity is Net neutrality, and is worth protecting.

It would be a shame to see telecommunication giants like AT&T and Verizon have the authority to decide which "stores" will be in the virtual mall.

It isn't as if another mall can open down the street. All of the virtual "real estate," if you will, is in the hands of very few companies whose main interest is profit, not diversity of products or ideas.

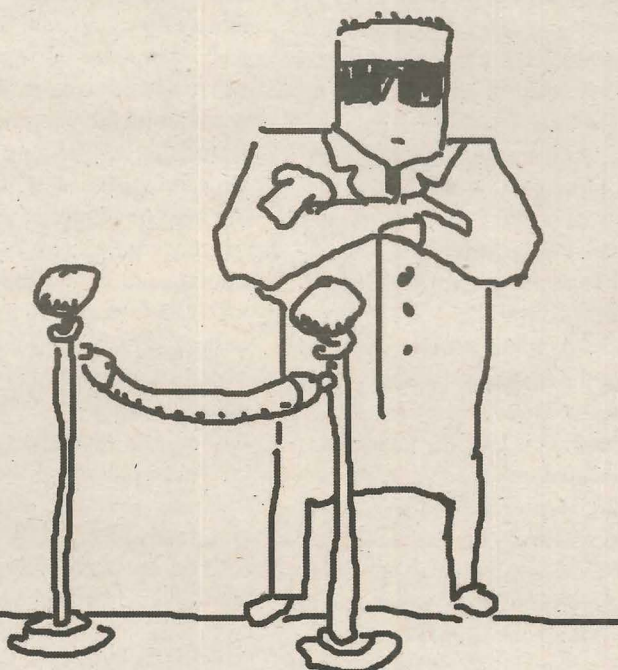
There's only one public Internet, one virtual mall, and it needs to be shared fairly.

Do you believe that everyone should have an equal opportunity to "set up shop" in this virtual mall—or would you prefer that it be limited to those who can pay the highest rent?

small business



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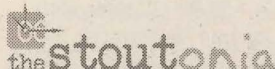
a world without net neutrality

Do you believe that everyone should have access to a vast variety of products and ideas—or would you prefer to see the Internet limited to sites approved by the telecommunication giants?

Do you believe that the Internet should represent all facets of our varied population—or would you prefer that it be limited to those who bring in the most money to the folks controlling its

infrastructure?

The Internet is important to each and every one of us, and we need to guarantee that everyone has just as much freedom to use it without having to pay a price.



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Pimp my Nerf gun



Matt Schubbe
Columnist

Why do people always want more? That's the question I asked myself earlier this week when a friend of mine informed me that there's a new internet community chiefly concerned with the modification and enhancement of Nerf weapons.

Jeez. I know people are desperate to reclaim aspects of their youth—that's what midlife crises are for after all—but this is a little ridiculous. I've already had it up to here (I'm gesturing at neck level, you just can't see it) with people trying to re-imagine more extreme versions of things.

The powers that be have already done it to everything from cartoon characters to bass fishing in an attempt to harness this generation's shortening attention span, but the day I see someone "extremify" Nerf weapons is the day I chuck my Nerf bow and arrow into the dumpster. I almost didn't believe it at first, so I scanned the vast data-filled acres of the Internet to see if this thing was for real.

Surprisingly, or maybe not, there was a plethora of sites from personal pages to forums about the subject of amping up

Nerfs. I was even able to find a Wikipedia entry stating the different kinds of mods that were most prevalent within the community of Nerf mod-ers.

After skimming and re-evaluating the site's perspective, I took a second look at things. Maybe I wasn't giving this hobby a fair shake or I was jealous because I hadn't thought of this. Either way, I decided to sift through what the pros of such an interest could be, if there were any.

For one, it's safer than actually buying, say, a REAL semi-automatic weapon and shooting up your backyard with it. Cheaper, too. And seeing as how Nerf is continually coming up with more inventive firing mechanisms, it's a continually evolving hobby.

But I'm still not sure how I feel about this. Part of nostalgia is having fond memories of things you once cherished, and if the things you once cherished now have the ability to break blood vessels in your eyeball, then the nostalgia gets a bit tainted.

So for now I think I'll just play it safe and say that I have mixed feelings about modifying Nerf guns. Maybe I'll start a "Nerf purists" forum to rally support, but my chief concern right now is making sure that no Nerf mod-ers are coming after me with Nerf weapons because of my anti-mod views. Maybe I should get some Nerf bow and arrow target practice in, just to be safe.

It's creative cotton!

Theresa Radtke
Columnist

Ok, so cottonfactory.com is probably the best T-shirt Web site ever created. It is made specifically for those with an acquired good taste of comical phrases and designs.

The shirts come in all sizes and colors; basically anything you want they will get for you.

Feeling a little bummed because you don't have money for an awesome T-shirt?

No worries, cottonfactory.com sells T-shirts for cheap! There is also a grab bag T-shirt that only costs \$5.

For some people here at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, that is the cost of one of their meals!

Another reason why the T-shirts on this site are totally awesome is because they are so hilarious.

The Web site itself is very easy to navigate and fun to look at. The layout is hip and appealing, and there are many buttons at the top that allow you to look at different T-shirt designers' profiles.

I personally own many of

the T-shirts offered and have yet to encounter a person who has not found them funny.

The slogans and pictures on the shirts are created with the purpose of promoting a laid back lifestyle.

There are geeky shirts, pee-your-pants funny shirts, silly shirts, ninja shirts, dino-

saur shirts and people shirts.

My personal favorite from the people shirts is my "have mercy" shirt that has a picture of Uncle Jesse from "Full House" on it.

I first found this site my sophomore year in high school.

My friends and I really thought it was great to have funny T-shirts, and most of them were homemade with funny saying on them like, "life's a garden, dig it!"

Once we found the Web site cottonfactory.com, we just couldn't get enough of it.

I want to encourage people to check it out and browse through all the hilarious T-shirts. Some are just so silly that they make my day a little happier just seeing them.

"I personally own many of the T-shirts offered and have yet to encounter a person who has not found them funny."

letters to the editor

Stoutonia Staff,

I was reading the first issue of *The Stoutonia* this morning and came across the article on the Rec Center and the Health & Fitness Center. First off, our department appreciates the attention and publicity from the article, but there are some factual errors that our department would like to see corrected in the next edition.

1. In the article, you refer to the Sports & Fitness Center as the Rec Center. This is incorrect. The Rec Center is located on the lower level of the Memorial Student Center across from the pawn. At the Rec Center, students have the opportunity to bowl, shoot pool, watch tv, and participate in other special events.

The Sports & Fitness Center is located next to Williams Stadium and is home to University Recreation. Stout Adventures, intramural sports, sport clubs, swimming pool, the Health & Fitness Center, and the Rec Center are all entities of University Recreation.

2. Stout Adventures does indeed offer outdoor opportunities to the students, faculty and community. However, we do not nor would we ever consider taking people down waterfalls. Misleading readers with incorrect descriptions of our trips may imply a sense of irresponsibility. The level of training and knowledge of our trip leaders is among the finest in the region. In the future, please try not to misrepresent our program.

3. This year there are 25 active sport clubs. Sport clubs include competitive and non-competitive teams. The article refers to sport clubs as varsity sports. This is incorrect. Varsity sports are run through the Athletic Department. Sport clubs offer students an opportunity to remain involved in their areas of interest, sometimes at a high level of competition, but are not at a varsity level.

Sincerely,
Erik Unger
Intramural Sports Coordinator

Solution to world hunger



Sam Schuna
Opinions Editor

I am 100 percent confident that planet Earth need no longer worry about global hunger issues. I am sure of this because I know of a man who can create an infinite amount of magic hamburgers from his bare hands anytime he wants.

Cyril Takayama is a Japanese American that goes by the title of a magician, but this man can honestly do wonders for the human race.

Cyril, a member of T.H.E.M. (Totally Hidden Extreme Magic), was born in Hollywood, California but will probably be better known in a year or two for winning the Nobel Prize for solving world hunger.

Honestly, you have to see this man work to know what I am talking about, and you can do so by typing in his name with the words 'Magic Hamburger' at YouTube.com. He commonly does street performances where he demonstrates his various talentss.

He is also able to turn coins into dollar bills and turn any flat surface into a faucet, and while both these are incredibly impressive, his most impressive feat by far is his ability to just magically make hamburgers appear in his hands from nowhere.

Now folks, trust me when I say I've studied magic in Lithuania, Ethiopia and Britain under the ancient masters for about 17 years now, and I've seen every trick in the book and know all their secrets. But this man is an insane person.

I honestly have no idea how he does it, my skilled eye can detect no secret compartments nor trick sleeves anywhere on site. Thus, I am forced to conclude that this man is the real deal. Call him the messiah, but this guy can honestly feed over a million mouths with just his palms.

Think of the possibilities! This man would make soup kitchens all over the planet obsolete, and most likely put cattle ranchers everywhere out of a job. Although this would be a serious setback for some people, he would be satisfying hunger for good. There would be local hamburger kiosks in every small town, offering a variety of delectable meat patties.

Cyril would of course need a personal trainer or two, because making hamburgers come out of your hands all day every day would no doubt become very tiring very fast.

The only real problem to this gradiose plan is he only appears to be able to make hamburgers. This doesn't mean he isn't capable of making, say, vegetables, just that we haven't seen him do it yet.

So I guess any starving vegetarians/vegans out there are out of luck and will just have to sustain themselves without magic.

The more things change, the more...



Michael Graney
Columnist

It has been five years since the acts of terrorism on New York and Washington, D.C. In five years, what has changed? Has al-Qaida been destroyed? Or even more simply, has the head been cut off the snake? Al-Qaida is still around, still working on creating chaos and taunting us from a unknown location. Iraq has become a hotbed of violence, providing a stronger base for terrorist organizations like al-Qaida to draw from.

Yet the last REAL mention of the after-effects of Sept. 11, 2001 was if two movies depicting the events came too early when the pain is too raw. I would hope the films would spark a renewed insistence at bringing the perpetrators of this attack to a trial. We saw how the media jumped on the false confession of John Mark Karr in the Jon Benet Ramsey case that is ten years old. Maybe in another five years someone named Ozama inda Ladel will come forward with a false confession for what happened Sept. 11. Then we can have a media circus over that false confession but still deny closure on a case.

Why hasn't there been a trial? Why did we divert precious

resources from finding Osama bin Laden after we overturned the safe haven of Afghanistan where he was hiding? Intelligence pointed to his hiding in the Tora Bora, which turned out to be our best chance at capturing him. Wouldn't logic dictate that we put all available resources to capturing that individual who has attacked us? In all the Hollywood movies when the good guys are close to getting the bad guys, do they suddenly start eliminating resources when the goal is within their grasps? No, they commit everything to making it a suc-

"After the glamorous multinational military campaign is over, the unglamorous part is forgotten."

cessful mission.

Now, five years later, we have created chaos in two parts of the world: Afghanistan and Iraq. Afghanistan is where we committed to bringing democracy and a stable infrastructure to what was run by a committed ally of al-Qaida in the Taliban. How is it possible that five years later chaos is still abundant in Afghanistan and parts of the country are run by warlords and the Taliban? It strikes me that after the glamorous multinational military campaign is over, the unglamorous part is forgotten.

To make a small analogy, who actually likes taking out the garbage left over after

installing a brand new state of the art stereo system? Yet if that isn't done, the beauty and power of the new stereo is consistently marred by the ugly mess of boxes and packaging materials. We left the ugly mess in Afghanistan without providing the support necessary for the people of that country to create a new, better infrastructure to take its place.

Iraq is a completely different scenario. While a despicable dictator was in charge, he didn't pose an immediate threat to the United States of America. Yet our leaders sought to relive the glamour that quickly was forgotten in our short attention span. Thus our leaders put together a plan to enter Iraq and overthrow a dictator because he presented a clear and present danger by knowingly

looking at flawed intelligence. Plus we never had a solid plan to clean up and implement the new infrastructure necessary to prevent chaos from breaking out.

Instead, we create an instability that made oil prices skyrocket and encourages Iran to proceed with their nuclear goals.

What does all this mean? It has been five years since Sept. 11, 2001 and we are no safer than we were before.

We have wasted opportunities and resources to end up encouraging the ones that seek to hurt us.

It is a sad anniversary to see no closure being provided.

And this time I'll see if I can STAY "quit"



Kyle Kingston
Editor-in-Chief

Not long ago I was leaning against a building wall after dark and, having just finished a cell phone conversation with an old friend, reached into my pocket for my pack of Camel Lights.

Nothing there of course: I'd started my latest attempt to quit five days ago.

This reflexive action was

sort of like the times I'd lost my watch but still found myself checking my bare wrist out of habit. Now I'm doing that for cancer sticks. Kind of alarming.

When I started, I was a social smoker and kept myself to no more than three cigarettes a day, if that. I went through a pack a week. I'd smoke a little more at bars, but nothing to worry about. Not really.

I'm at a pack a day now and it's become a stress management crutch. Helps calm me down more than it should. Not good. And my social surroundings are changing, as well: instead of sharing a joke with friends over a smoke, I'm

sneaking cigarettes behind disapproving friends' backs.

The satisfying snick of a match into flame, the glowing red tip of the cigarette, the snaking trail of smoke...

As far as life-sucking disgusting habits go, it is by far my favorite. There's something kind of romantic about it. For me it's always meant feeling just a little like Humphrey Bogart in "Casablanca."

The nicotine's also kind of nice.

But enough is enough. I'm quitting for real this time. I mean it.

This time I hope I last longer than a couple weeks.

Attention Faculty

If you would like to write an editorial for The Stoutonia, send your idea to stoutonia.uwstout.edu or to the Opinions Editor.

Former mobster to address UW-Stout students about addiction

By Kristie Wilson
Campus Editor

Ever wonder if the "Sopranos" is anything like real-life organized crime?

Former mafia member Michael Franzese will address University of Wisconsin-Stout students on Tuesday, Sept. 19 in the Great Hall of the Memorial Student Center at 7:00 p.m.

Franzese was regarded by federal authorities as one of the greatest mafia money earners since Al Capone.

He was the mastermind of many scams involving auto dealerships, financial services, sports, entertainment, union kickbacks, a million dollar tax scheme and more.

"There is no question that Michael's remarks very positively affected both Major and Minor League players," said Kevin Hallinan, director of security for Major League Baseball, regarding Franzese's series of lectures to professional athletes about the dangers of gambling.

Hallinan went on to say how big of an impact Franzese has made in baseball.

According to the former mobster's Web site, Franzese pled guilty to racketeering in and accepted a ten year prison sentence, after which he quit the Mafia.

Franzese is the first and only high-ranking mobster to quit organized crime, refuse government protection and still live to tell about it.

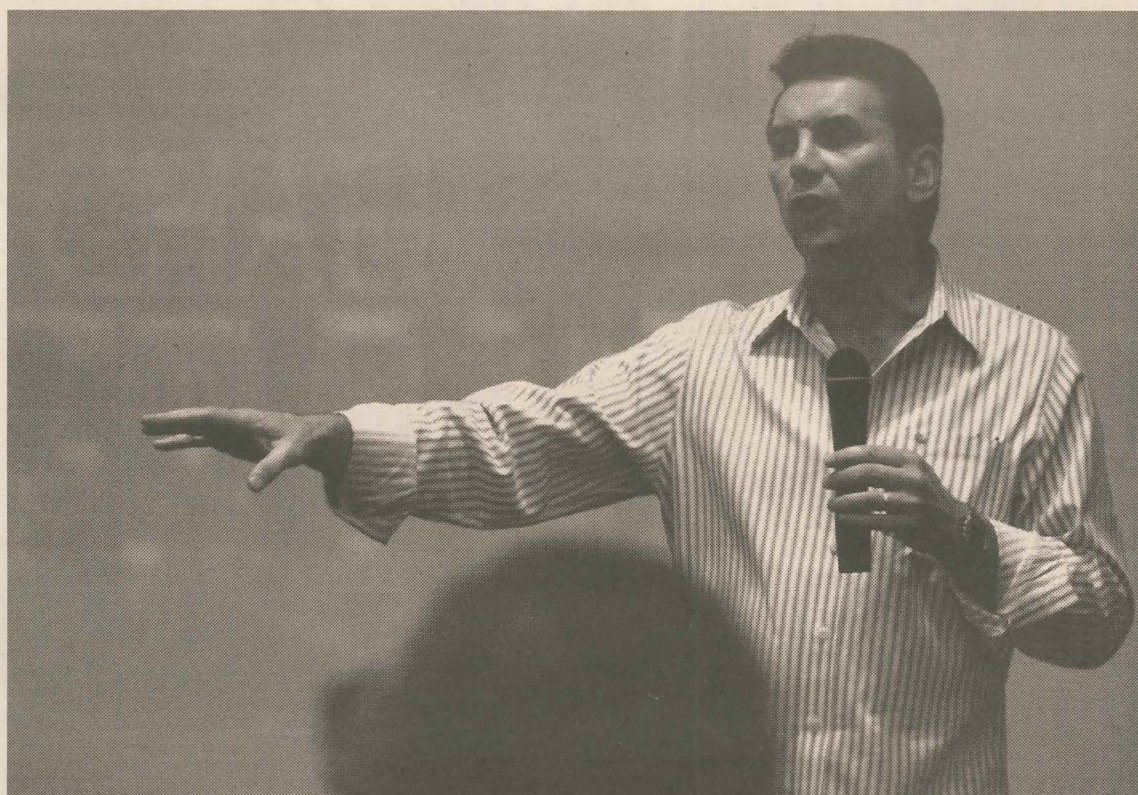
"I've always heard that once you're in the Mafia, you can't quit," said Jordan Fritzel, a junior in service management. "I'm curious to hear how he quit and lived."

Franzese was never convicted of a crime until he met his wife, Camille Garcia. She convinced him to turn himself in and they eventually married.

While he was in prison, Franzese was recruited by the FBI to participate in a program teaching professional athletes the career-ending risks of gambling.

He then started his long road of change by making a video message from prison that was to be presented to professional and college athletes.

Since then he's told his story



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While Michael Franzese was in prison he was recruited by the FBI to be part of a program to help educate professional athletes on the dangers of gambling.

by traveling and speaking to audiences, including the NBA, ESPN, HBO Real Sports, CNN and FOX news networks.

He also travels to colleges

all over the country. Another way he tells his story is through his book, "Quitting the Mob," which was written in 1992.

His latest book, "Blood

Covenant" was written in 2003. To learn more about Franzese go to his Web site at www-michaelfranzese.com.

Counseling center offers a new service for stressed students

By Kristie Wilson
Campus Editor

Many students are quickly realizing that they are in a class that just might not fit in their busy schedule and lifestyle. If this situation comes up, before canceling the class, consider the "Don't Cancel that Class" program. It is to help students with stress management before they decide to drop a class.

The "Don't Cancel that Class" program is made up of the University of Wisconsin-Stout's Counseling Center staff. With students in mind, this program was created to provide a diverse amount of psycho-educational presentations. Each presentation is about 50 to 85 minutes long, depending on the

topic of the presentation and the students class schedules.

Some of presentation topics include:

"Ask a Question, Save a Life." This topic is to help be more aware of and recognizing the risk factors of suicide. It will also go over where to send someone who needs help and how to help if you suspect someone is in trouble.

"Be a Quitter...Just This Once." This topic will help educate students on the dangers of smoking. It will also help if the person is ready to quit and offer more assistance if necessary.

"Count to 10 and..." This topic goes over concepts of stress and the theories behind it. It will also cover fight or flight reaction, conflict

resolution, procrastination and prioritizing time to help eliminate or even just reduce stress in daily life.

"Cyberstalking & Online Safety." There has been some negative feedback from students about the new Facebook. This topic will cover the basics on cyberstalking and how to prevent it.

"kNow Dieting." This topic discusses the dangers and risks factors of dieting. It helps students with size acceptance, size diversity and non-dieting alternatives.



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Be careful when downloading

By Candice Maier
Campus Writer

Everyone knows someone who downloads or shares music illegally. In fact, only 39 percent of college students actually pay for downloads, according to Limewire in 2006. This means that the majority of students are obtaining audio files through completely illegitimate means.

Many students use "free" downloading music sources such as Limewire, Morpheus, and Napster. Once the program is on the computers hard drive, it gives the option to have a wide variety of music genres, from independent musicians to the most popular sell-out artist available. This is all with the click of a button. An action so minor can't possibly have an effective outcome, can it? A simple, innocent download can't impact a job seeking graduate, can it?

Employers may think so. "Eighty-six percent of the managers (both hiring managers and supervisors) consider unethical and illegal downloading, file-sharing and uploading, attitudes and behaviors of their job candidates when making hiring decisions: according to a recent nationwide survey, conducted by the Business Software Alliance.

The United States is losing

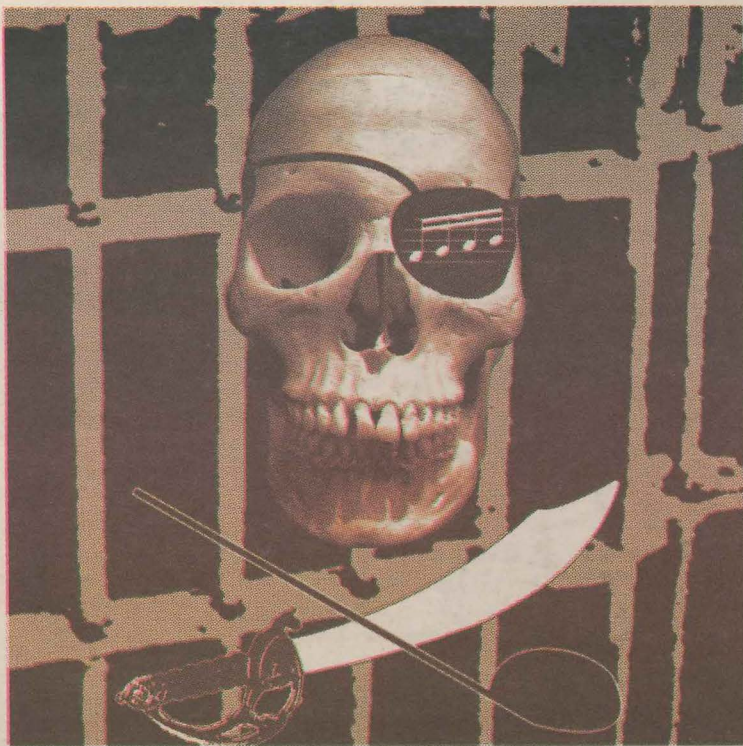


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Billions of dollars are lost annually in the United States as a result of software piracy.

billions of dollars annually as a result of software piracy. What makes the world go round? Economically speaking, money is the facilitator!

Branded unethical, higher education students need to realize these behaviors can put their future careers in jeopardy. Employers do not hesitate to conduct background checks. If a graduate has disrespected the in-

tellectual property of copyright works in any form, he or she is less likely to get hired from a corporation than the individual who does not participate in illegal downloading.

"The Business Software Alliance is an organization dedicated to promoting a safe and legal digital world." For more information, check out www.definetheline.com.

More fun than ever



Jeremy Nelson/Stoutonia

Many students can now enjoy the improved Rec center facility, including a new dart board, foosball table and new carpet and furniture!

By Kristie Wilson
Campus Editor

The Memorial Student Center Rec center has daily features on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The Rec center has new carpet, bowling furniture, new felt on all the tables, a new electric dart board, a new foosball table and new driving and buck hunter games.

On Mondays the Rec Center plays Monday Night Football games. Tuesdays are two-for-one Tuesdays including everything except the coin games. Every Thursday night is Thursday Night Out (TNO) from 8 p.m. until close. On TNO students can use everything in the Rec Center for free. Then on Friday, light up your night with moon light bowling from

8 p.m. until close. The bowling lanes seem to be working better this year as well.

"I haven't had a lane break down while I have been working yet," said Laurie Rock, Rec Center employee. Also available at the Rec Center is a big screen TV lounge with comfortable couches and tables.

The hours this year are Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday from 4 to 11:30 p.m.



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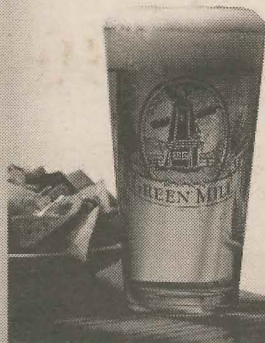
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> Downer's Grove + Hoofla, Waterfront, 10 p.m., Free.

> North, Acoustic Cafe, 8 p.m., Free.

Thursday, Sept. 21

> Open Mic Night, Rec Center, 8 p.m., Free.

> Open Mic Night, Acoustic Cafe, 8 p.m., Free.

Saturday, Sept. 23

> Royal Tenenbaums, Pawn Patio, 7 p.m., Free.

> Prihoda, Acoustic Cafe 8 p.m., Free.

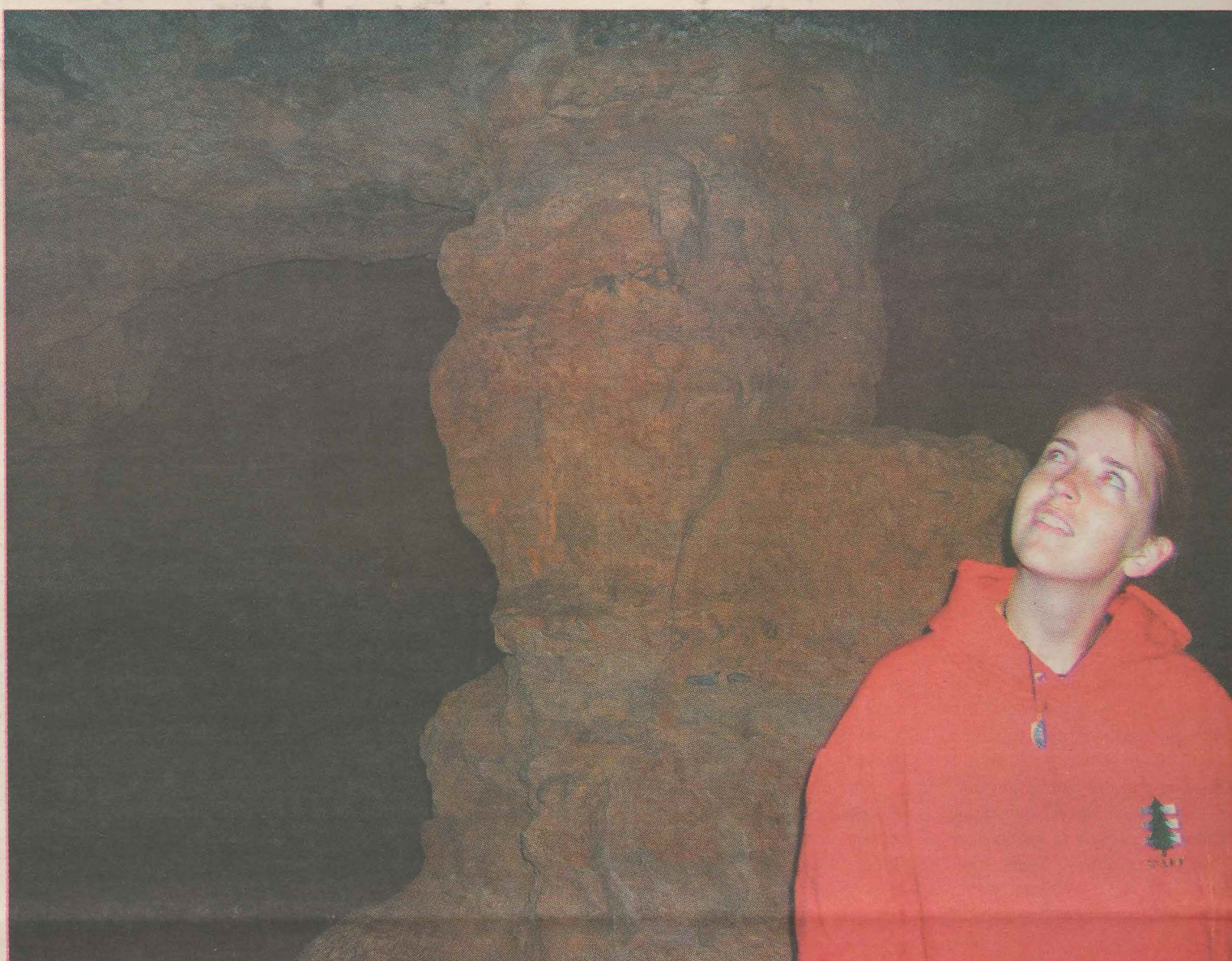
Thursday, Sept. 28

> White Light Riot + This World Fair, Rec Center, 8 p.m., Free.

> The Buffali, Acoustic Cafe 8 p.m., Free.

Saturday, Sept. 30

> Jeff Ray, Acoustic Cafe 8 p.m., Free.



Chelsea Rickert/Stoutonia

University of Wisconsin-Stout senior Kayla Stalboerger studying the interesting stalactites formed on the ceiling of a cavern in the Crystal Caves in Spring Valley, Wis. Stalactites and stalagmites grow only one inch every century. Students can take hour long tours in the caves for nine dollars.



Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

Spelunking: the art of cave exploring. Cave-dwelling adventurers travel for miles to find the perfect cave to investigate, but this calls for a very deep pocket in many cases.

For shallow-pocketed adventurers, there is another op-

tion: the Crystal Caves, located 45 miles west of Menomonie off of Highway 29 in Spring Valley, Wis.

Hour-long tours, which are led by knowledgeable guides, cost nine dollars.

While on the tour, the guide tells amusing stories about the imaginary characters permanently ensconced in the rock walls.

It might take a little imagination to see them, but the cave walls bear naturally-occurring images of different faces, including the cave mascot, a caveman named Charlie.

Cave-goers experience true darkness deep in the belly of the earth when the lights that trail through the Crystal Caves are momentarily turned off - darkness to which eyes are unable to grow accustomed.

The caverns host many different kinds of stone (including some luminescent ones that glow different colors beneath a black light).

Crystal and slow-forming stalagmites (rock structures that slowly grow up from the ground) and stalactites can be found throughout different

rooms. There are fossils dating from when Wisconsin was under the waves of a prehistoric ocean.

And yes, there are bats. Three different species of the flying nocturnal animals dwell in the Crystal Caves.

At the end of the tour, there awaits a gift shop with many interesting souvenirs, along with many flavors of their glorious fudge, baked on the premises for us addicts.

More information about the Crystal Caves can be found at www.acoolcave.com.

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Movie resolves "Fullmetal" cliff hanger

By Ellen Schuetz
Entertainment Writer

Do you remember watching the anime "Fullmetal Alchemist" late at night on Adult Swim? Well, now you can watch it on DVD. The movie, a conclusion to the series, was released on Tuesday, Sept. 12.

The anime follows the story of two brothers who have set out to find the philosopher's stone.

This fabled stone, said to give any normal person great powers, is coveted by people both evil and benign. But only in the hands of an alchemist can its true powers be unlocked.

It has the power to heal all injuries and give the user everlasting life. It can even accomplish the forbidden act of transmuting human life.

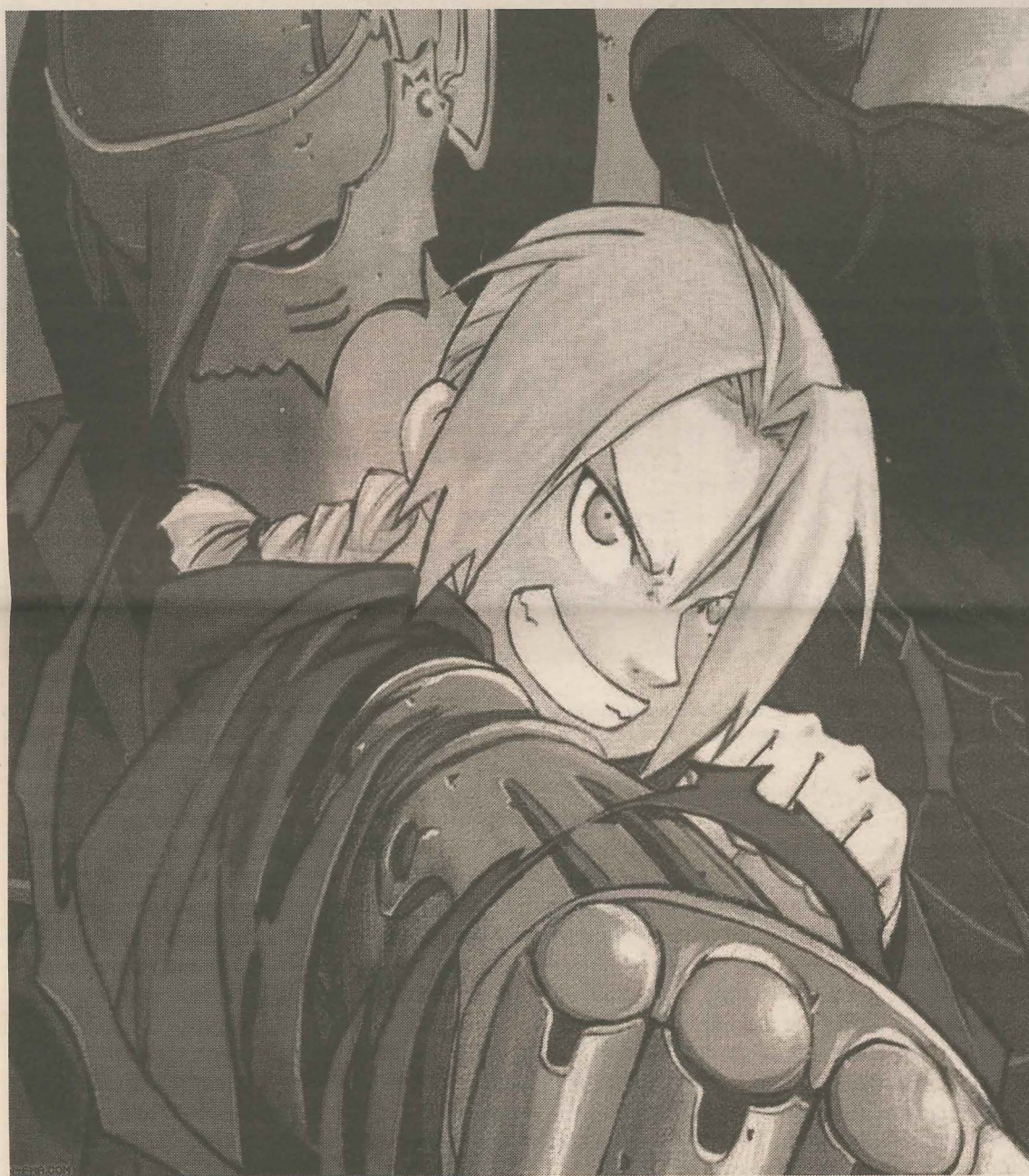
Edward Elric, a budding alchemist, and his brother Alphonse seek the stone to help loved ones, but they also must keep it away from the military who seeks to use the stone's power to destroy countless lives.

Many "Fullmetal Alchemist" fans were upset about the ending of the series. The series' conclusion left the audience hanging, failing to tie up any loose ends.

The movie covers parts of the epic story. It goes back to the beginnings of the series and fills in cracks and gives extra tidbits of information about the characters. It follows their journey and wraps up the whole series, giving fans the ending they've been waiting for.

The movie is filled with plenty of action to catch and keep your attention, even from the first minute.

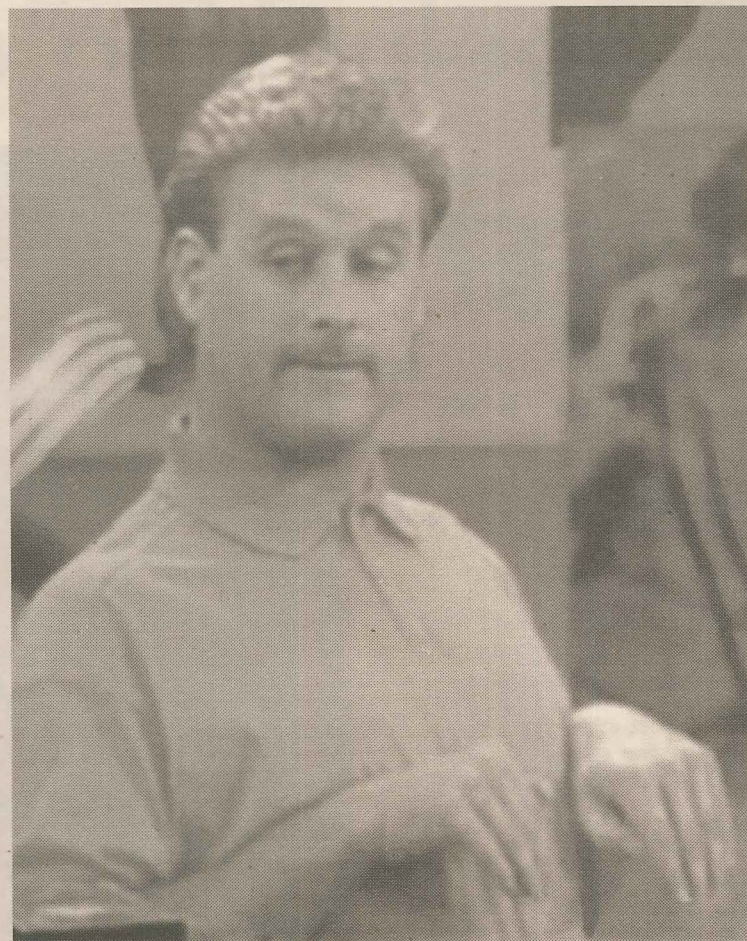
You can find out more about it and watch trailers on the official website for the movie: <http://www.fullmetalalchemist.com/movie>.



Source: <http://benjamin.baudrit.free.fr>

"Fullmetal Alchemist The Movie: Conqueror of Shamballa" ties up the loose endings of the popular anime series, as seen on Adult Swim.

Coulier of "Full House" hits Stout



Source: <http://brooksinternational.com>

David Coulier has chosen UW-Stout as the setting for his documentary about the sit-com series Full House and its fans.

By Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

Blue Devil Productions is hosting an evening of comedy with Dave Coulier, best-known for his role as Joey on the television series "Full House." He will be coming to the University of Wisconsin-Stout for his comedy show on Friday, Sept. 15, at 8 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Memorial Student Center.

The show will include Coulier's stand-up set as well as an outline of his upcoming documentary, "Cut it Out," segments of which will be filmed here on campus.

"Cut it Out" will be a documentary about "Full House" and its multitude of fans. Fellow "Full House" castmates, including John Stamos, Bob Saget, Candace Cameron, Jodie Sweetin, and others will be joining Coulier later for the film's production.

Coulier is encouraging UW-Stout students to include them-

selves in the film's production; students who come to the Sept. 15 show dressed as their favorite "Full House" character will have a chance to be interviewed by Coulier and possibly be included in the documentary.

Coulier proposes that students get creative with their costumes. Catch-phrases from the show, such as "have mercy" or "no way, Jose" are just a few examples of slogans that can be put on T-shirts. Students with the most creative attire could earn the opportunity to be interviewed by Coulier.

The film will be shot on the day of Coulier's standup performance before and after the show. Tickets to the show will be \$5 for UW-Stout students with a valid student ID and \$10 for the general public.



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eBaum's World: Media for the masses

By Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

Ebaum's World has been a Web site for distraction since its inception in 1998. It is known for amusing flash movies, such as the "End of the World," home videos such as the "Numa numa" guy, and many other entertaining things.

Eric Bauman created the site in 1998 as a medium to communicate to his high school buddies. As a practical joker, he would pull pranks on teachers and post them on eBaum's World. The site grew quickly between high schools and then spread to other audiences.

Once the site supported

video and audio, eBaum's World blossomed into a brand-new genre: viral internet. EBaum's World was the first site of many to fall in this genre.

Now the pioneering site is very popular not only among high school students, but with college students as well. Viewers constantly submit their own entertaining home videos, etc to the site. Every week the top eight submissions are chosen and displayed.

There are many features on eBaum's World that are sure to offers diversion to the viewers. Contests with prize money to the winners are held each month.

First place winners receive \$1,000, second place receives

\$500, third gets \$250; and runners-up get to add \$100 to their pockets.

Much of the content submitted is college-related, and so eBaum's World is expanding its demographic to hit home to college kids.

A new stand-up comedy feature is being incorporated onto the site, which features many comics that run in the college circuit and visit universities across the country.

Since 2002, eBaum's World has been first in the viral media genre. It continues to expand and remains as the place to go for a break from the everyday, mundane hustle.

Shevy Smith graced the Pawn Patio stage



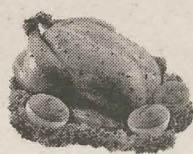
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Musical artist and songwriter Shevy Smith performed beautiful folk/alternative pieces on the Pawn Patio Thursday Sept. 7. The UW-La Crosse-based band Eight Day Kick opened for her.

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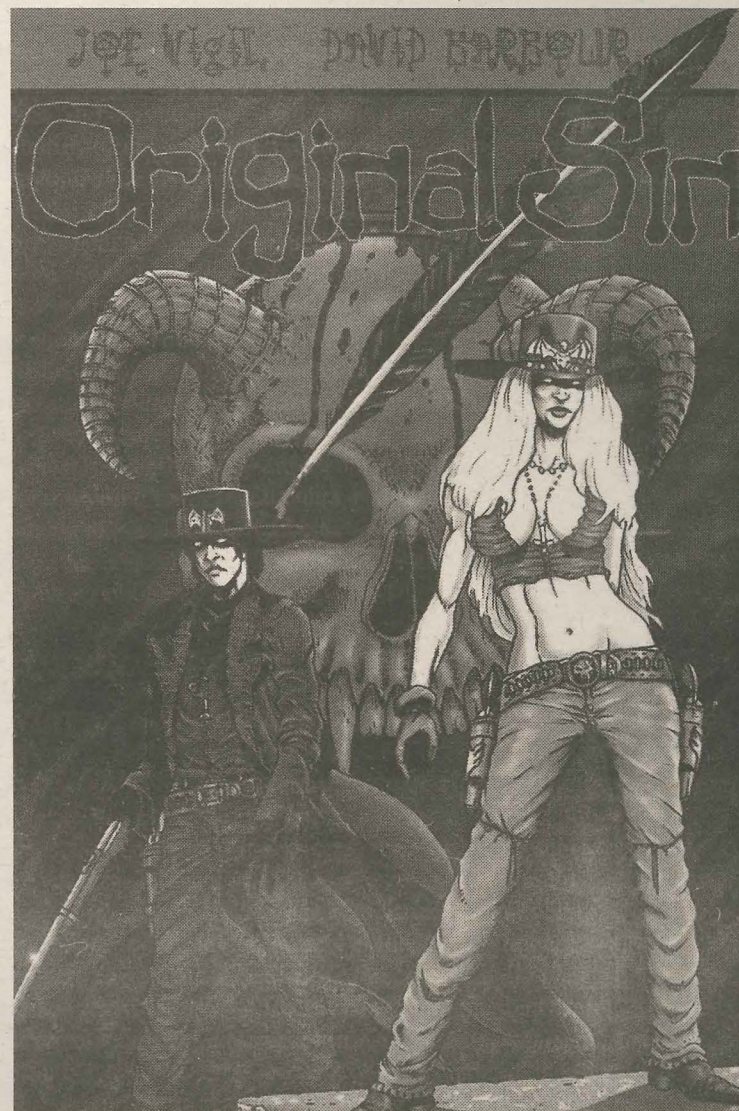
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Wild Angels launch new Web site



Source: <http://www.wildangelpublishing.com>

The artwork of the Vigil brothers is displayed on their Web site. The two have pushed artistic and political limits for decades.

By Ellen Schuetz
Entertainment Writer

Those who love macabre, bizarre and intriguing comics and artwork will take interest in a newly-launched Web site and new comic books created by Joe Vigil.

Vigil has created comics in the past, many of which have won awards. Ronald Reagan personally gave Vigil an award for the comic "The Killing" when Reagan was governor of California. Vigil's comic writing is dark and political, and dates from the 1970s to present day.

New comics and artwork, created in cahoots with Vigil's brother, Tim Vigil, are now being sold on the new Web site, www.wildangelpublishing.com.

The brothers' latest cre-

ation, "Lords of Oblivion/Mona Lisa Series" is a unique, two-in-one flip comic book that is being released through the site and is sold for \$5.

"Original Sin," the prequel to Vigil's fantastic series, "Gunfighters in Hell," is a 48 page comic selling for \$10.

Vigil's brother has a distinguished career as owner of the booming Rebel Studios in Sacramento, Calif. He is the creator of "Faust," an adult horror comic book series and has also done numerous private paintings, wall murals and airbrushing on cars and motorcycles.

T-shirts, themed prints and cards, such as "Dog" and "Gothic Nights," are also being sold on the Web site. A members' section will be coming soon.

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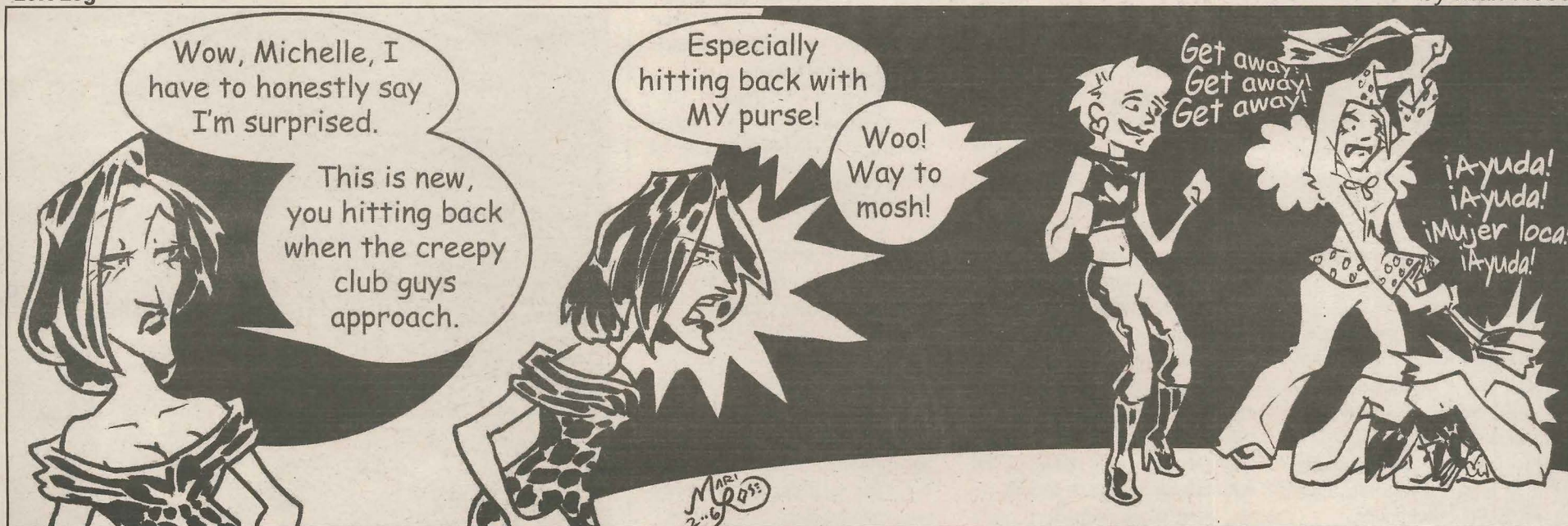
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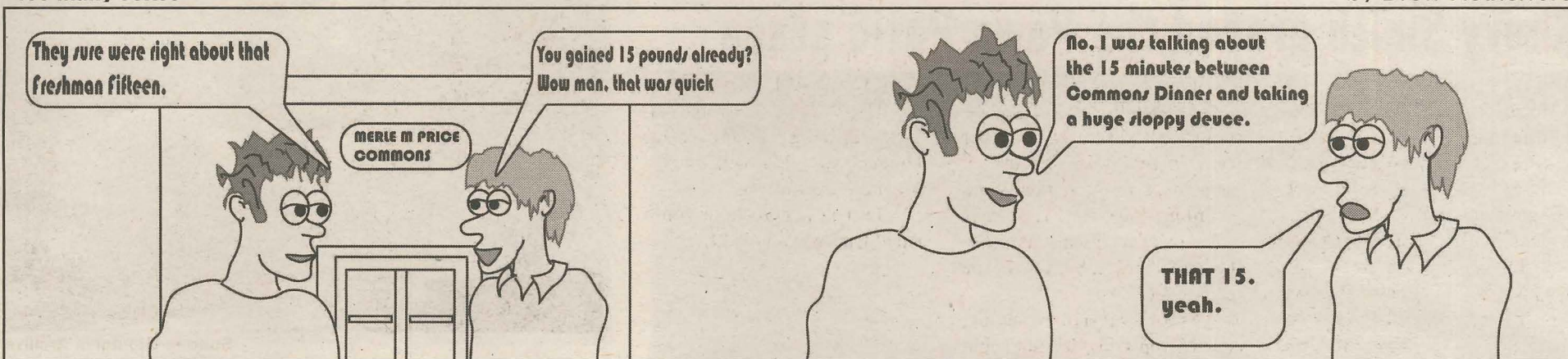
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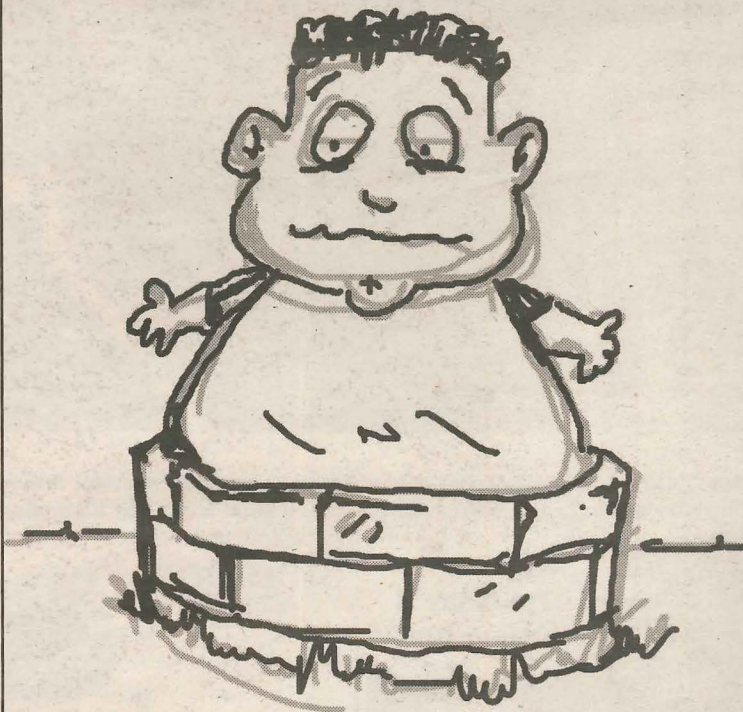
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"21st Century Lassie"

by Alan Briggs

"What's that girl, Timmy's stuck in the well?"



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Upper Iowa to host Blue Devils football

By Josh Parshley
Sports Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout Blue Devils team started their season off facing William Penn on Aug. 31. This was the first time that these teams have competed against each other.

UW-Stout was ahead until they faced trouble in the fourth quarter and lost the lead. They were able to stage a comeback and win 25-18.

"The kids came back, and showed heart at the end," said coach Todd Strop.

During the William Penn game, senior running back Ryan Englebert, who is majoring in business, started the season out on the right foot.

"After being in a serious car accident almost three years ago and having to deal with major injuries the past two seasons as well, the feeling of being back and playing at a high level again is indescribable," said Englebert.

Englebert went on to say that his number one goal is to get himself ready mentally and physically each week to put the team in the best position to win.

Englebert put up 114 yards with two touchdowns against William Penn.

With a week off after the win, the team went back to practicing twice a day to focus on fundamentals.

Coach Strop is entering his third year as the head football coach at UW-Stout. He said that this job is a great opportunity. Strop will not be satisfied with a good program, he wants a great program. Strop will do this by putting in the needed time and effort.

On Saturday, Sept. 16 UW-Stout is going on the road again to face Upper Iowa University.

"We will be ready," coach Strop said about the upcoming game. "We will control and run the football."

UW-Stout started out their season last year against Upper Iowa University. UW-Stout won the game, scoring 49 points and recording 400 offensive yards.

"We got every break last year. It is a road game, but we will be ready," said Strop.

As for the rest of the season, coach Strop said, "It's not about x amount of wins and losses.

We want to take something that is already good and make it great. We want to be a disciplined football team, and we will see where that takes us."

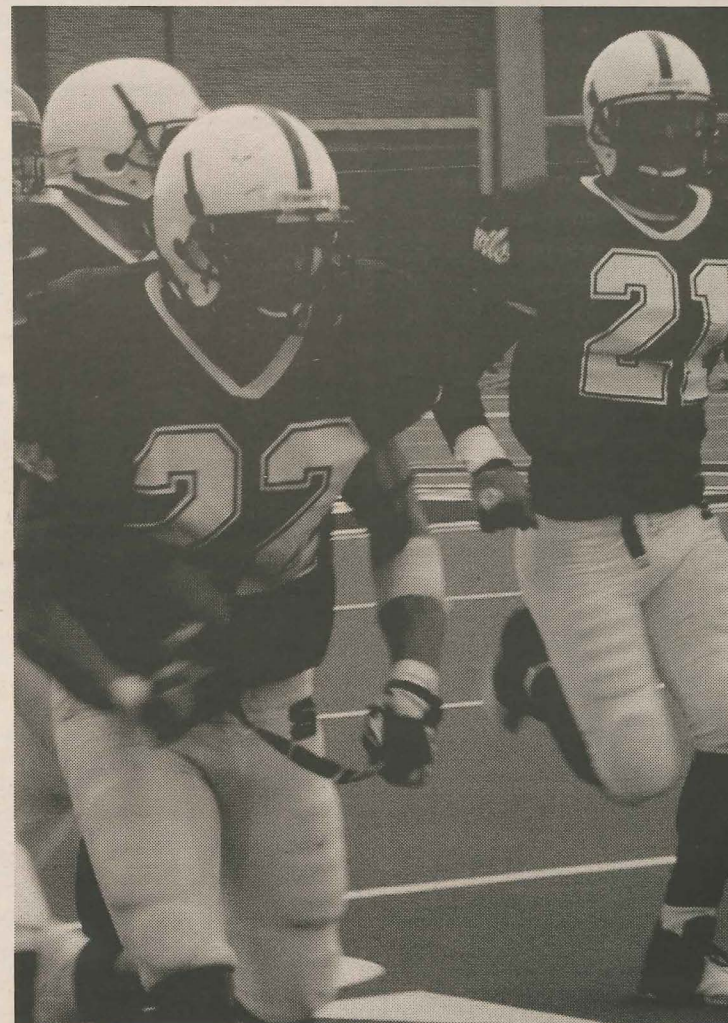
"We have an extremely close team this year," said Englebert concerning the current season projection. "It is the closest and most talented team that I have been a part of."

Englebert will be a big part of the running game this year, splitting the role with junior running back Andy Reese. Englebert ended by saying, "It's time myself and the other seniors to take this program to the next level."

The UW-Stout game against division II Upper Iowa University will be broadcast live on WMEQ-880 AM at 1p.m.

Upper Iowa University is 1-1 with a loss against Drake University and a win against Wayne State College.

Last year UW-Stout dominated Upper Iowa 49-14.



Source: Stoutonia Archive

Blue Devils football prepares to face Upper Iowa, looking for a repeat of last year's win.



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The soccer team lost to St. Olaf University

Next Game:
Sept. 16 at UW-Oshkosh



WOMEN'S GOLF

Finish 17th

The womens golf team finished 17 out of 20 at the UW- Eau Claire Invite

Next Game:
Sept. 23-24 DIII Midwest Classic in Hudson, Wis.



MEN'S GOLF

Finish 7th

The mens golf team finished 7th out of 13 at the Augsburg Invite

Next Game:
Sept. 17 Edgewood Culvers Classic



Lady Blue Devils soccer makes further headway

By Casey Nold
Sports Editor

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's soccer team has had a tough start to their season. While the girls are playing hard and practicing even harder, the scoreboard hasn't shown much for their hard work.

Although the team holds a 1-3 record for the season, the girls and new head coach Meagan Frank are optimistic for how the rest of the season will be played out.

"We expect this season to go good," said junior Kate Rindahl. "With a new coach this is a new beginning and will be a good start for the future of UW-Stout soccer. With every game there is improvement in how we play."

The girls' last game was Sept. 8 hosting St. Olaf. The team was ahead 1-0 when St. Olaf kicked into gear and came back to win the game 2-1. St. Olaf's Karen Thiebes scored both goals for her team, giving UW-Stout their third loss.

The team won their first game against Bethel University to give coach Frank her first official college win. The girls played hard the entire game and took Bethel to overtime where senior Carli Rindt and junior Michelle Lizotte teamed up to score the winning goal.

Coach Frank and the team suspect a turnaround for the rest of the season as a new system of play has been enforced and the girls are practicing harder.

"I think this season will be a successful one on many fronts," said Frank concerning how the season will turn out. "There is a strong core of returning players who bring experience, athleticism, a great work ethic and enthusiasm to the field. The coaching staff has introduced an entirely new system of play, and we have seen continued improvement with each half we have played."

Both the team and the coaching staff feel very strongly about the group of young women they have playing for UW-Stout.

Each player and coach has an individual talent they bring to the field, and they are work-

ing to get stronger and play as a team.

"Coach Frank and coach Mo bring so much talent and knowledge of the game to the team, we all can't wait to learn more," said sophomore Michelle Lizotte, an early childhood education major. "As a new coach with returning players it might have been hard adjusting but we have done an outstanding job on both ends."

"This is an extremely dedicated group of women," said coach Frank about the strengths of her team. "They are committed to this program and to each other. We have overall team speed and the team is starting to gel with the tactics of possession and full team transition. They will be a very fun team to watch."

The expectations that coach Frank has for the girls and the expectations that they have for themselves coincide. Frank expects the girls to continue to learn and keep a positive focus on this season individually and as a team. The players have said that they expect to learn a lot from coach Frank and the other coaches.

The team travels to the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh on Saturday, Sept. 16, to start their Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference schedule. Last year the team fell out in the semifinals of the WIAC games.



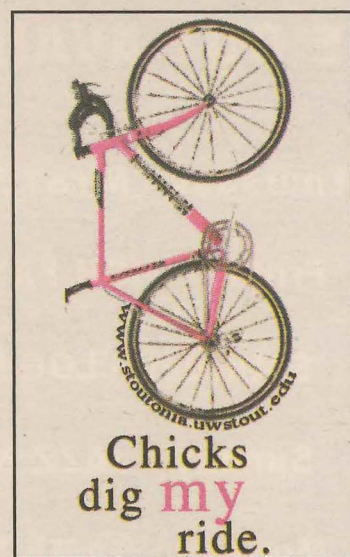
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The Lady Blue Devils soccer team travels to UW-Oshkosh Sept. 16 to start their Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference schedule.

ATHLETE Week

THE FACTS: A junior out of Stoughton, Wis., majoring in golf enterprises management, Geoff Pirkel is the athlete of this week.

Pirkel tied for 16th place at the Augsburg Invite at the Mississippi Dunes Golf Links in Cottage Grove, MN. The first day of play, Pirkel earned a 77 shooting 5 over par. He ended with a two-day score of 154. The team had an overall finish of 7th place.



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An education in booze at Bridge Fest



Sam Neumann/Stoutonia

North campus students could be seen having a good time on the bridge over north Broadway Wednesday afternoon. Students learned about some of the dangers of alcohol, as well as a few tips about choosing the right wine at a dinner party.

Annual Dunn County CROP walk for hunger

By Tracy Considine
News Editor

The 23rd annual Dunn County CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Walk is being held on Sunday, Oct. 8, by Menomonie Area Bread for the World (BFW). This is only one of 2,000 similar events scheduled for this year. Proceeds from these events will aid the poverty stricken both locally and worldwide.

This year's route has been changed to begin at the First Congressional (UCC) Church located at 420 Wilson Avenue in Menomonie. The actual route covers ten kilometers. Registration will begin promptly at 1 p.m. and the walk will begin at

1:30 p.m. to honor hunger prevention efforts.

In last year's Crop Walk, 120 walkers raised approximately \$12,000. This year's goal is to have 200 walkers and to raise at least \$13,000.

A quarter of the money raised will go to the Interfaith Food Pantry to be used to help hunger victims locally. The remainder of the proceeds will benefit Church World Services (CWS) and similar hunger relief agencies.

Last year 240,000 CROP walkers were able to collect more than \$15 million dollars nationally. Participants are hopeful that they will be able to exceed last year's success.

To help this event, or to be a walker, contact your church or group representative, or call the Parade Marshall, Julie McNaughton, at 235-9377.

"Julie McNaughton has been coordinator for the Dunn County/Menomone Area CROP Walk that since 1987 and has raised over \$137,000 to alleviate hunger," wrote Lynne Case, a regional director of CROP/CWS. McNaughton's concern for hunger victims is legitimate. The United States Department of Agriculture has estimated that one in eight Dunn County residents do not have an adequate food supply.

"Let us care," said McNaughton. "Let us respond!"

Plan now to walk, sponsor a walker to help."

Every 3.6 seconds someone dies of a hunger related illness. Currently, 840 million people worldwide are suffering from malnutrition.

"An average of 350 families each month must seek emergency food at our food pantry," said Chris Cheevers, director of

Interfaith Volunteers.

For this reason, the Interfaith Food Pantry, located at 1620 Stout Rd. in Menomonie, is asking for your generous donations.

Donations may be made anytime Monday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon.

Free campus health care

By Matthew Ader
News Writer

There may be few University of Wisconsin-Stout students who are aware that the Free Clinic of the Greater Menomonie Area even exists.

Recently though, more than 50 UW-Stout students from the College of Human Development and the College of Technology, Engineering and Management evaluated the first year of the clinic.

Undergraduate business and graduate students of applied psychology assessed the business climate and patient re-

sponse surveys, respectively.

The clinic first opened on March 1, 2005 on the A level of the Red Cedar Clinic. Open on Tuesday nights from 5:15 p.m. to 8 p.m., the clinic serves on a first-come first-serve basis and provides primary healthcare, health screenings, medical referrals, health education and referrals for social services.

Because of the limited budget of the free clinic, it is unable to render services such as pregnancy and STD testing, birth control, immunizations or

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Turning Synergy into energy

This year's fourth annual Synergy conference is currently being held on campus in the upper level of the Memorial Student Center, specifically the Great Hall and the surrounding ballrooms.

The conference will be running from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

on Wednesday, Sept. 20 and Thursday, Sept. 21.

The conference is an event designed by the West Central Wisconsin Regional Education Consortium, also known as Regional PK-16 Consortium.

The Regional Education Consortium was designed to

improve educational institutions concerning their relationships with business partnerships to deliver smooth interactions on both sides.

The Consortium provides resources for students, teachers and employers to build strong

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Changes and updates in the laptop program

By Tracy Considine
News Editor

Here at the University of Wisconsin-Stout laptops are not only required but an absolute necessity for everyday life. Ask most UW-Stout students and they will say they use their laptops multiple times a day. Recently there have been some changes involving the laptops.

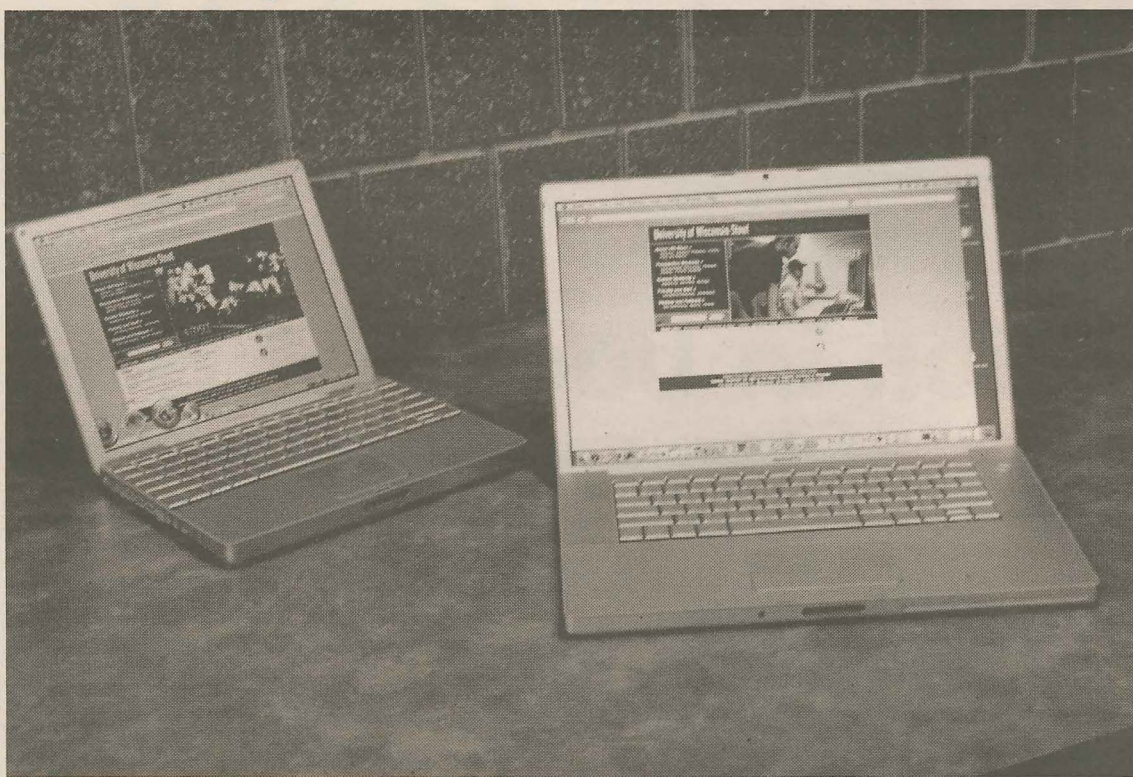
Students may have received an e-mail discussing lock-ups on the new Apple computers. The new Apples may lock up in a wireless network that has high activity. Help with this kind of problem can be found at the Ask5000 desk.

Problems may arise for the many students in an art or design major who use an Apple computer.

For many students, using a Macintosh computer is somewhat foreign, especially for last year's Mac users who previously had PowerBooks and now have the MacBook Pro.

Fortunately, UW-Stout began offering technology training this year. Classes are being offered through first semester.

The training is free to students, but the space is limited so participation is on a first-come first-serve basis.



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Pictured above are the 2005 Apple PowerBook G4 laptop (left) and the new MacBook Pro (right).

The classes offer training on general Apple operation and various programs such as Photoshop, Advanced Photoshop, Dreamweaver and Excel.

Most classes are held in various rooms of the Memorial Student Center and others are held in Millennium Hall or the Commons. For a full schedule

visit <http://www.uwstout.edu/trainings/stouttech>.

"Our software and the e-Scholar program are constantly changing and hopefully improving," said Jane Henderson of the e-Scholar Program Teaching and Learning Center.

The art department backed this improvement in their own

way. They designed an interactive online help feature for students who are inexperienced in the use of some programs. The tutorials can be found at <http://lynda.uwstout.edu>.

UW-Stout offers online help for Microsoft users as well. These tutorials are very visual. Visit <http://www.uwstout.edu/training/MSTutorials/tutorials.htm> to view the tutorials.

This year the e-Scholar Program and Technology and Information Services updated their computing manual that is given to each student.

They also created a faculty and staff edition, which was not available in the past.

"Teachers gave us a lot of feedback on the amount of inappropriate e-mail they received," said Henderson.

This resulted in a new section in the computing manual

regarding laptop respect on campus.

Few students are aware of why our campus requires laptops. UW-Stout is actually one of over 100 universities that requires laptops for their students.

UW-Stout had many reasons to implement the laptop system. Leaders believed it was the most effective way to increase opportunities for active learning and to increase graduates' critical technology skills.

The use of the laptops also promotes student-teacher interaction and increases flexibility. Daily e-mails help students get acquainted with university services.

Lastly, the system extends opportunities for students to get the credits they need at their convenience through online courses and summer/winter break class sessions.

The idea was first approached in 1998. The laptop option was introduced in 2000, and by the fall semester of 2002, all freshmen with three or more credits were issued laptops.

The cost of the laptop system was added to tuition and is roughly \$36 per credit. A full time student pays roughly \$500 per semester.

Students are allowed to bring their own computers, but they will still be issued a laptop through the campus to be used for academics.

UW-Stout also offers students the opportunity to purchase their laptops after graduation for its current depreciated value.

"We heard loud and clear from students that they wanted to purchase their laptops and now we are able to do just that," said Henderson.

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prescription drugs.

According to the evaluation completed this summer, the patients who attended the clinic were grateful for a clinic which is free, especially for those without insurance.

The volunteers at the clinic feel they are greatly appreciated by their patients, their medical colleagues and the community as a whole.

Overall the walk-in clinic is well regarded. Volunteers believe that their skills are being fully utilized and that the general well-being and health of patients is being affected in a positive manner.

However, the clinic is not perfect and there are a number of issues that could be improved. The evaluation found that people want to decrease waiting time, increase services and change the registration process. Most noted that pa-

tients would like to see dental care, chiropractic services and women's health services added to the clinic's services.

The evaluation also suggested the removal of the first-come first-serve policy, an increase in staff, an increase in days and hours of operation and the acceptance of scheduled appointments.

The UW-Stout students completed their evaluation in May and made their recommendations to the board over the summer.

In a letter to Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen, James Walker, medical director of Red Cedar Clinic, wrote, "The survey and study has been completed and we have learned much the final report is quite in-depth and professional and will assist us in our strategic planning process. We are most fortunate to have the valuable resource of UW-Stout within our community."

Red Cross Wilderness first aid clinic

By Jenny Stabenow
News Writer

How do you effectively warm up someone who has fallen through the ice? How do you treat a severe burn? How do you stop heavy bleeding or help an injured person when help is miles away? These questions will be answered as the skills of survival are taught through Stout Adventures.

The news often reports of people missing or dead after getting lost in the wilderness or being injured without help. As a result of increased dependence on cell phones, electrical heating and other essential living needs of the 21st century, the knowledge of basic survival skills has slipped away.

The American Red Cross Wilderness First Aid Clinic is being held at the University of

Wisconsin-Stout on Oct. 6 from 6-10 p.m., Oct. 7 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and Oct. 8 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in Room 247A of the Sports and Fitness Center. The cost is \$75 per student.

This class is for those who enjoy the outdoors and want to learn how to recognize and treat emergencies. In many instances, emergencies in the outdoors are far more stressful because of the long distances medical aid must travel to reach the injured. This course enables students to correctly help in an emergency.

"Participants will learn how to transport an injured person, stop heavy bleeding and immobilize joints after fractures or sprains," said Tim Mertz, Stout Adventures coordinator. "They will also learn about wound management and how to recognize the signs and symptoms of

shock."

The clinic will not only be in a classroom setting. "Mock scenarios" will be set up to practice responding to an emergency.

The American Red Cross is the nation's number one emergency response organization. 97 percent of the organization is led by volunteers and every year about 1.2 million people volunteer to help in relief situations. 34 percent of those volunteers are young adults between the ages of eighteen and 25. Eleven million people are trained every year in vital life-saving skills, such as the clinic at UW-Stout is offering.

To obtain more information, contact Tim Mertz at the Sport and Fitness Center, or go to www.stoutadventures.uwstout.edu. The knowledge gained in this course can save lives.

NEWS for the college attention span

Somalians confused about snow

A group of Somalis headed for the United States were given a crash course on American life. The most absurd topic was snow. One Somali asked, "How do I protect my family from this...snow?" After explaining in more detail, the instructor told the Somalis to imagine being inside a refrigerator.

E. coli found in spinach

Eight states have reported cases of E. coli found in fresh bagged spinach. Milwaukee, Wis. has reported one death due to the E. coli. Twenty others were reported ill in Wisconsin, and more in other states such as Connecticut, Idaho, Michigan, New Mexico, Oregon and Utah. The advice from the FDA is to not eat or buy bagged spinach until further notice.

Child obesity continues

One in five children in the United States is obese. One problem in curing obesity is due to the lack of seriousness toward the matter.

"This is a major health problem," said Dr. Jeffery Koplan. "It's of a different nature than acute infectious threats, but it needs to be taken just as seriously."

Portraying exercise as cool is the newest solution from the government's program against obesity.

Montana Wildfire Spreads

A wildfire over Livingston, Mont. has doubled in size and has spread across many properties of celebrities. A total of about 325 households were told to evacuate. Tom Brokaw, the former news anchor on "NBC Nightly News" was among those to evacuate. The fire was started on Aug. 25 by lightning.

Parents control food selection

Chaska, Minn. school dis-

trict, among 190 other school districts, now offers the opportunity for parents to control what their children eat at school. "MealpayPlus" allows a parent to track purchases, pay for meals and prevent their kids from buying too much junk food.

If a student attempts to purchase a "forbidden food," the computer screen will flash a warning and send the student to an administrator.

Detroit teachers strike ends

Detroit teachers ended a two week strike, allowing more than 130,000 students to finally attend school.

The strike was against a pay decrease of 5.5 percent. Both sides agreed on a one year pay freeze and an increase of one percent the second year.

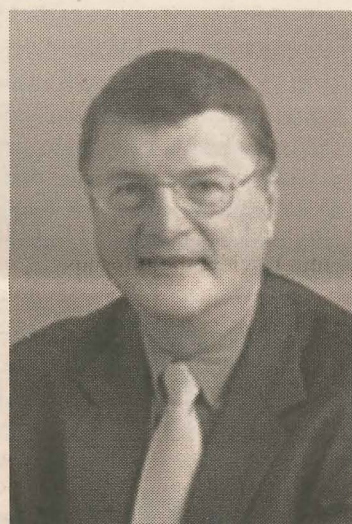
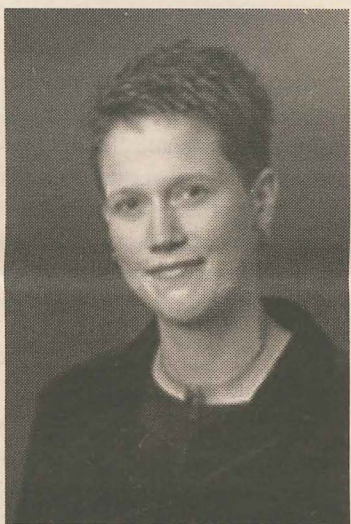
Are you for real?

ABC is all ready for next summers with a new reality series called "The Imposter." ABC is searching from coast to coast for the best celebrity impersonator in the country. Not only will potential impersonators be asked to speak like a celebrity but also look and act like them. More or less, contestants should look so real they could be mistaken for the real deal.

Busted a cap in 'em

Mario Etheridge, 28, was convicted on Wednesday of carrying a concealed weapon and discharging a firearm inside a building. Etheridge is accused of shooting and killing rapper Proof in defense of another man in a Detroit nightclub shootout. Apparently, a misunderstanding in a game of pool set off Proof. Reports say Etheridge shot twice at the ceiling as a warning to Proof before he shot him. Sentencing is scheduled for Oct. 17 before Wayne County Circuit Judge Vera Massey Jones.

Synergy/ business making sense



Source: <http://wcw-synergy.net>

Rebecca Ryan and Jack Schultz are scheduled to speak at the Synergy Conference the Career Conference at its best.

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partnerships in an effort to maintain structure and provide for economic growth.

Their services encompass a large region in West Central Wisconsin including Polk, Barron, St. Croix, Dunn, Chippewa, Pierce, Pepin, Eau Claire and Clark counties.

Wednesday's activities will

include presentations by two knowledgeable speakers: Rebecca Ryan, founder of Next Generation Consulting Inc., and Jack Schultz, CEO of Agracel Inc.

Ryan will deliver her presentation entitled, "The Brain Drain to the Brain Gain." Following her presentation, Schul-

tz will deliver his presentation titled "Entrepreneurial and Innovative Development for Rural Areas."

Around 2 p.m. there will be a series of break-out sessions called, "Framing the Issues." These will discuss topics such as affordable health care, economic development, education, quality of life and workforce development.

Thursday's events begin at 8 a.m. and end around 12 p.m. and will build on areas discussed on Wednesday. Their general focus will be around the topic, "Synergy to Energy."

There will also be opportunities to get involved in regional concerns as part of their effort to promote proactive leadership for economic involvement.

For more information on the Synergy conference visit http://wcw-synergy.net/docs/Synergy-Bro_06.pdf.

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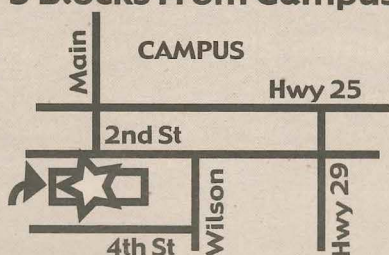
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The 8-step program for keeping off freshman fifteen

The school year has barely started, and still many college students are checking the mirror and asking themselves if they have gained a few pounds around the middle. Fortunately a recently published book addresses the "freshman fifteen" from the perspective of a fellow cafeteria eating, couch lounging college student.

Daphne Oz, junior at Princeton University, has written a book addressing the challenges of maintaining a healthy weight through hectic college years. Her book "The Dorm Room Diet: The 8-Step Program for Creating a Healthy Lifestyle Plan that Really Works," was featured in the New York Times, on National Public Radio and Good Morning America.

Oz's book explains how to stop eating because of emotions and put food back in its place as a source of fuel. The book highlights tentatively choosing when, where and most importantly what to eat. She also includes exercise plans as well as some helpful vitamins and supplements to live a healthier life.

The eight steps of the book include:

* STEP 1- "Get Inspired" introduces the reader to Daphne's story of her own teenage struggle with being overweight and offers questions designed to help the reader decide on a change and get motivated to set

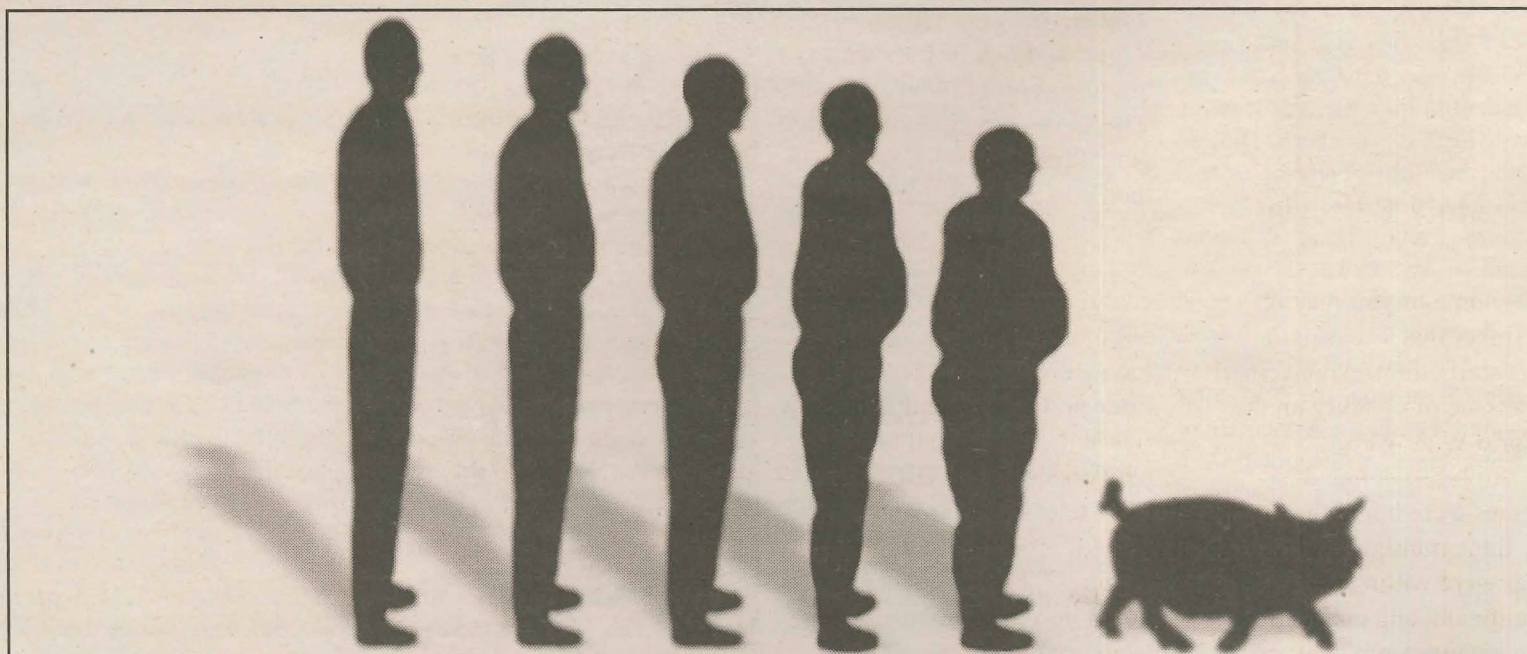


Image: Russell Griesmer/Stoutonia

As you can see from the above dramatization, the effects of "The Freshman Fifteen" can be quite severe.

and accomplish a simple starter goal.

* STEP 2- "Get Informed: The Freshman 15" covers the myths and facts of the infamous freshman 15 phenomenon. Daphne discusses the factors including the lack of parental control over eating habits, a small budget, an unusual schedule and emotional eating stemming from stress. She also provides gives a formula so readers can figure out their ideal calorie intake.

* STEP 3- "Get Started: Healthy Eating 101" outlines how to achieve the right balance of calories and nutrients in each meal, with suggestions for serving sizes, healthy snacks

and grab-and-go foods; the right way to do coffee, chocolate, and bread before meals; and the five principles for healthy eating.

* STEP 4- "Get a Grip: Where and How to Eat Responsibly in College" explains how to introduce these healthier eating habits within the time, money and space constraints of college life.

* STEP 5- "Get Prepared: The Five Danger Zones and How to Survive Them" details the common pitfalls of eating well in college including late night studying, sports events, parties, watching TV and late night talks and provides tips on avoiding an unhealthy snack binge

* STEP 6- "Get Moving: The Exercise Factor" presents information on the benefits of exercise; advice for going to the gym; and illustrates instructions for workout routines that can be completed in a dorm room.

* STEP 7- "Get Your Vitamins: Everything You Need to Know About Supplements" offers suggestions on how to get essential vitamins in your diet, along with tips on which foods help prevent and treat common illnesses.

* STEP 8- "Get Happy: A More Relaxed, More Effective You" promotes massage, aromatherapy and meditation as good methods to de-stress, leading to

a calmer, happier and healthier college experience. Combined, these eight steps give students the tools to lose weight, think and feel better and stay healthy, without the strict restrictions of doomed-to-fail fad diets.

Dr. Mehmet Oz, Daphne's father, commented, "I know personally that the store of knowledge Daphne shares in this book was hard-won over many years. She has gathered an impressive amount of advice and information, and she brings the message alive with news that you can use."

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UAD 1st: 3
UAD 2nd: 1
Open Container: 4
Failure to Stop: 1
Possession of Marijuana: 1

Dog found, assumed drunk

Police responded to reports that a dog was running loose near the Sports and Fitness Center. When they arrived they found a small black and white female dog wearing a Green Bay Packer shirt and no collar or tags.

The dog has been transferred to the Dunn County Humane Society.

Free Parking

On Monday, Sept. 11 there was a parking permit stolen from a car parked in lot 29. The doors were locked, but the windows were cracked to dissipate the heat.

Lost and found

One of the laptops previously reported stolen last week was recovered in Harvey Hall by a custodian on Monday, Sept 11.

Do it for the music and coke

A CD player and two cases of Coca-Cola were stolen from a locked car in lot 22 on Tuesday, Sept 12.

Have a gadget for Google?

Google Inc. is asking that all college and university students submit their ideas for the Google Gadget Awards. Amateur web designers and programmers are encouraged to engage their creative juices and submit their gadgets to www.google.com/gadgetawards. Deadlines for submitted material is Nov. 1, 2006.

Google Gadgets by definition are content-filled mini-applications that serve as building blocks for personalizing the Google homepage, Google Desktop, and Google Page Creator. Submissions will be judged by a panel of top tech leaders on a variety of categories. The submissions will be available for anyone to use in their Google homepage.

Categories that entries will be judged on include: most useful gadget, a magazine's most

useful gadget, gadget most likely to help you get a date, most addictive gadget and best overall gadget.

"The Google Gadget Awards aren't just for really serious programmers," said Adam Sah, Architect for Google Gadgets. "The Awards are a terrific opportunity for students to build their resumes while getting serious bragging rights with their friends, even if they have only a little experience with web design or programming."

"Google is giving students a forum to show off their smarts and creativity as well as contribute to their own professional development," said Chris Anderson, Google Gadget Awards judge and editor-in-chief of Wired Magazine. "I can't wait to see what students come up with."

Winners of the Google Gadget Awards will be announced on

the Gadget Award Winners web site sometime in December. A trophy will be given to winners to show off to anyone and everyone. They will also be promoted on every Google personalized homepage.

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—Stoutonia Staff

UW-Stout Cancer Update

Wisconsin 2006 State Cancer Facts

- * Approximately 88,310 residents are 1-5 year cancer survivors
- * 26,390 people will be diagnosed with cancer, including:
 - * 2,770 new colorectal cancer cases
 - * 4,000 new breast cancer cases
 - * 3,040 new lung cancer cases
 - * 4,460 new prostate cancer cases
 - * Cancer will kill 10,650 Wisconsin residents

United States 2006 State Cancer Facts

- * Nearly 10 million men, women and children are cancer survivors
- * More than 1.3 million new cancer cases will be diagnosed
- * Cancer will kill 564,830 Americans
- * The cost of cancer in 2005 was \$209.9 billion dollars

Fighting the soulless media conglomerates



Staff Editorial

The Stoutonia Staff

Some of you may remember that *The Stoutonia's* last staff editorial concerned the issue of equality on the World Wide Web.

In brief, online businesses were being threatened by huge multimedia giants that were willing to purchase bandwidth and connection advantages from everybody else, making it unreasonably difficult for the little guys to gain recognition.

It just so happens that

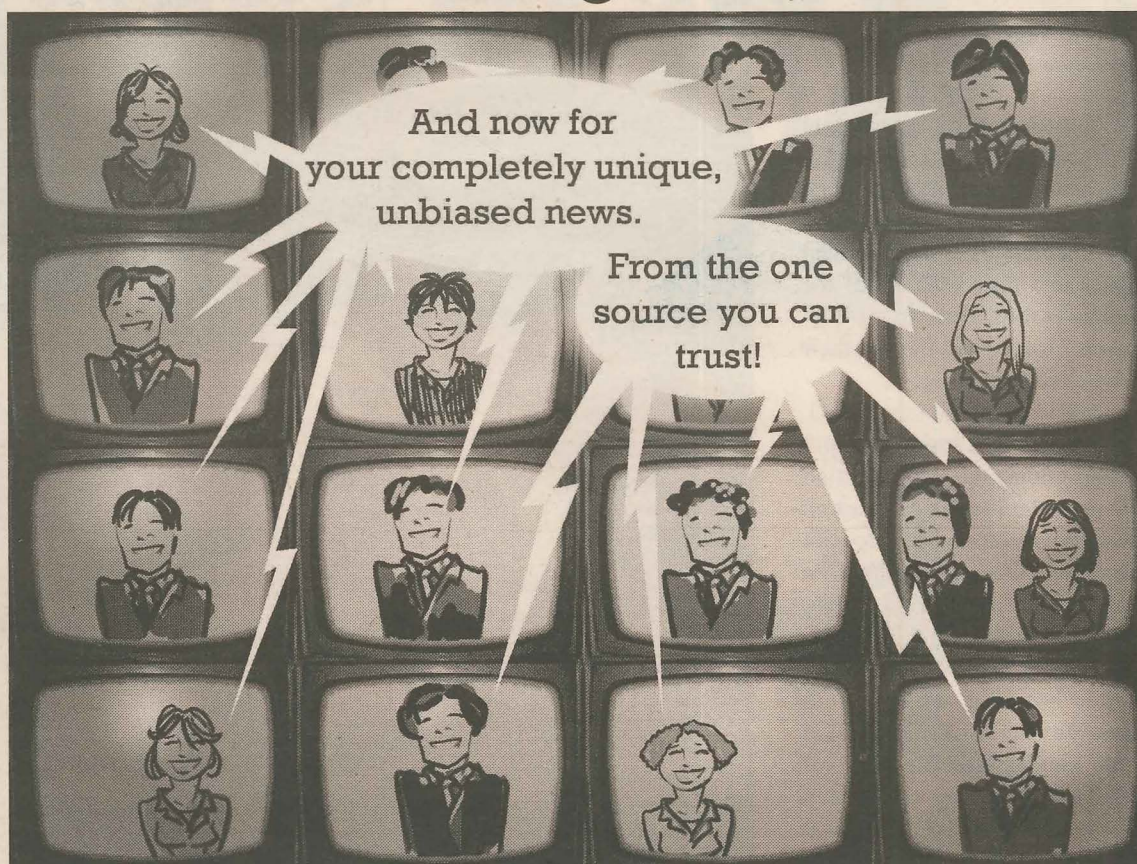
the big corporations are at it again, only this time the larger media powerhouses are news corporations.

Apparently, in January 2005 the former chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Michael Powell, was found to have covered up a study taken in 2004 that declared smaller local news stations produced more and better local stories and content than larger networks such as ABC and FOX television.

After being leaked to Congress, Free Press, a national non-partisan media reform organization, received and published the study.

Powell then resigned from the FCC. His successor, Kevin Martin, has publicly expressed the desire to take power away from local stations and give it to Big Media.

Surprisingly, Martin has asked the public about their opinion concerning this decision. As it stands, the current



rules of FCC ownership are being rewritten, and supposedly the chairman wanted input from the public before making any permanent decision.

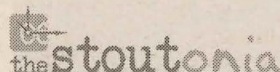
If we let this issue go un-

noticed then the Big Media Corporations will get what they want and purchase more local news outlets. It is not too late to change things.

The chairman himself has expressed he is open to

suggestions, and the only way we can make a difference is to speak up.

It is working for Net equality and it can work for this, too.



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The dark side of cereal



Matt Schubbe

Columnist

It's not often that I get to expose corruption in this column. Actually, more accurately, I never get to do that, but this time is a little bit different. It's a doozy too, because it not only involves the nation's top cereal company but also two of the nation's most visible and prominent cereal-related mascots. I'm talking about the delicious, vitamin-enriched controversy that is Fruity Cheerios.

Some people may have passed by the boxes of this new cereal in the grocery store aisle and thought nothing more than "Oh, hey, General mills has a new type of round cereal." But I see through the façade and into what I refer to as "the scandal zone," which, in this case, is the direct attempt by that black-hearted soul, the Cheerios Bee, to usurp the power of Froot Loops from Toucan Sam in a cereal coup de tat of a magnitude the world has never seen.

Oh, sure, it started off innocently enough with friendly competition between these two similar cereals, but things have become anything but friendly as of late. Have you seen the latest Froot Loops commercials? That poor, witty, urbane

toucan is stuck on a desert island forced into some twisted machination by the insidious insect to look for a way out using a cryptic treasure map.

I'm pretty sure that this is a ploy to halt production of Froot Loops long enough to leave a hole in the market just large enough for that Bee to squeeze through with his "frooty" abominations. Well, I'm not having any of it, sir! I mean, how cruel can one bug be? Toucan Sam has three nephews to support, for crying out loud!

We have got to get that English bird home so that the rightful brand of "looped frooties" can return to prominence. Does that Bee just think he can waltz in and take over? Not possible, friends.

After all, it's just like Nintendo with the Gameboy. No other videogame company can make a competing handheld, just like no other cereal company can make a competing "frooty loop."

Basically, I'm desperately urging all of you to help me bring Toucan Sam home. I implore you to join my organization, "Loops for Love," and buy up all the Froot Loops you can. We will then chain them all together until they reach the island on which Sam is held captive and yank him and his nephews back to the mainland and freedom! Glorious freedom! So, get out there and start looping, before it's too late!

Buy art stuff, empty wallet

Theresa Radtke

Columnist

It is no surprise that everyone in college is broke beyond belief. Unfortunately, only one group of people are allowed to really complain about it. No, I am not talking about the professors, it is the art majors and other related fields. Art supplies should come free with the class and in bountiful proportions!

As an art education major, I've had to pay an additional cost apart from tuition of \$150 for this semester's art supplies, and that was just the basic materials needed. I have yet to buy paints and brushes, and I am not jumping for joy about that.

Many art students can relate to how much art supplies can put a burning hole in their pockets, but I was wondering what a respected professor thought about his students' sacrifice to complete the course. I asked Joseph Hayde, a respected art professor at UW-Stout, to comment about this.

"There could be more offered to help the students," said Hayde. "Stout is one of the least expensive schools for Wisconsin residents to get into in the UW system. Even though costs

went up 8 percent this year, it is still considered one of the cheapest."

I also learned from Hayde that when we pay tuition, there is something called a lab fee, which contributes to some of the materials used in class.

We have already paid for tuition to be in the class and

"As an art education major, I've had to pay an additional cost apart from tuition of \$150 for this semester's art supplies, and that was just the basic materials needed."

everything. Going out and buying expensive materials isn't right. Plus, it is not like there are different prices for these things either, like on eBay. Everywhere they are all the same price: too much.

One store in Menomonie has a secret that I want to tell you about. I can't name the store because I forgot what it's called, but it is located on the same street as Penco going west. Disguised as an antique store, it also carries used oils, paintbrushes and ceramic stuff. There isn't a lot, but it will save a person at least \$50 on good materials. Supplies aren't always in stock either, but at least it's an alternative.

So in other words, if you are a Wisconsin resident and have \$100-500 to spend on art supplies, depending on how many art classes taken, you will be okay. Sorry Minnesotans, you're out of luck.

Want to play video games? Just ask PONG

By Xander Moser
Chief Copy Editor

The People's Organization of Network Gaming, (PONG), is possibly your parents' worst nightmare. It is an organization that encourages playing video games and they want all of the gamers at the University of Wisconsin-Stout to join them at their LAN events this year.

It is very easy to join PONG. Their Web site is found at <http://pong.uwstout.edu>. Registration is free, and members can post on the forums to communicate with the other PONG members. The Web site also lists all of the organization's events and meetings.

"Another really good way to get involved would be to come to the meetings," said John Vermes, the president of PONG. "These are also listed on the event schedule on our Web site, and are held on every other Tuesday night in the Northwoods room of the Memorial Student Center, with the next one being Sept. 26."

PONG isn't just for computer gamers; they are expanding their focus on console gamers with a series of events this semester.

The first Simply Console event will take place on Friday, Sept. 29 at 5 p.m. at Huffs in the Memorial Student Center.

There will be an assortment of consoles, from the classic Nintendo 64 to the new Xbox 360.

Tournaments will be set up, but open play is also encouraged. The entry fee is only \$1 for registered members or \$3 at the door for other students.

Simply Console is less about hardcore gaming, and more about casual gaming.

"It's simple: We play video



Source: <http://pong.uwstout.edu>

The attendance at last year's April Fools' LAN event was just under 100. This year, PONG expects to fill the Great Hall with 250. PONG is the student organization for video games on campus.

games," said Dan Wald, director of console gaming. "You get really good at beating your floor-mates...it's predictable. Here you have people from all over campus, so anything goes."

The organizers behind PONG understand that college students do not have deep pockets, so they are determined to keep the costs of their events to a minimum.

"This year, we are trying a couple of new things to both

bring more new members to PONG, and at the same time, keep the costs down to the levels that they have been at in the past," said Vermes.

The PONG executives are also working hard to get more sponsors for their gaming events.

"We are also spicing up our LAN events with prizes, so that April Fools' is not the only one that cool stuff is given out for," said Vermes.

Prizes at LAN and Simply

Console events vary from cans of soda to computer cases and parts.

"For console events, prizes are dependent on the turnout...if people really enjoy this, the prizes will get bigger," said Wald. Tournament events are dependent on feedback from event attendees. If you want to play it, tell us, or bring it."

Smaller prizes are awarded to the console event winners, while the biggest prizes will be given away at the larger events,

such as the April Fools' LAN.

The members of PONG play a huge variety of games including first person shooters, real time strategy and role playing.

"Anyone who plays video games and has a great time doing so would be interested in joining PONG," said Vermes. In our organization, they can share their passion for any game they so desire, and be very likely to find others that feel the same way."

Ex-mobster Michael Franzese shares his story



Stacie McCormack/Stoutonia

Michael Franzese addressed UW-Stout students on Sept. 19 at the behest of Campus Crusade for Christ. He spoke about his experiences quitting the Mafia and turning his life around through spiritual rebirth.

Changing your major?

By Kristie Wilson
Campus Editor

It's the time of the year to decide whether or not a change in major or minor is needed. With the deadline approaching, there are some things that students need to know to help them through the process.

When changing a major or degree program, you must fill out an application. The criteria for every degree program is different.

Once the form is filled out and turned in to the advisement center, it is up to the director or a committee in that program to make the final decision. These forms can be picked up at the Advisement Center Bowman Hall.

If a student would like to change their minor, it is also done with an application. Minor are applied in a manner to majors.

If the student wants to change their concentration, it is declared on the change-of-

major application or the minor/concentration form.

Art and design students are an exception in this case. When changing a major within the art and design program, it must be treated like a change of major.

It is recommended "undecided" students fill out the career clusters of interest form, which can be found by searching the University of Wisconsin-Stout Web site.

If you have any questions contact the Advisement Center at (715) 232-1465 or go to their offices at Bowman Hall Room 11.

**E-mail the Stoutonia
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Wednesday, Oct. 4

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Thursday, Oct. 5

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www.uwstout.edu/careers/careerco.shtml



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Concerns arise for safety of students' laptops

By Kristie Wilson
Campus Editor

Students have been recently receiving notices to ensure the safety and security of their laptops. Though the number of University of Wisconsin-Stout laptops being stolen is low, students still need to take precautions to prevent theft.

The first step is to record the make, model and serial number of the laptop.

The following are actions to be taken to keep laptops safe:

Keep vacant dorm rooms or apartments locked at all times. Though neighbors may seem trustworthy, this may not always be the case. It is recommended that laptops be locked in a closet or drawer when not being used.

Some areas in the halls, such as lounges and study rooms, are assumed to be a safe place to leave a laptop for a short time. Leaving a laptop unattended for any amount of time is not recommended.

If a laptop is stolen, it must be reported to law enforcement

immediately. Make sure to note where the theft occurred.

Caution should also be taken in a dining area or library. The laptop should always be carried on the person and never left in the trust of other individuals to decrease the risks of theft.

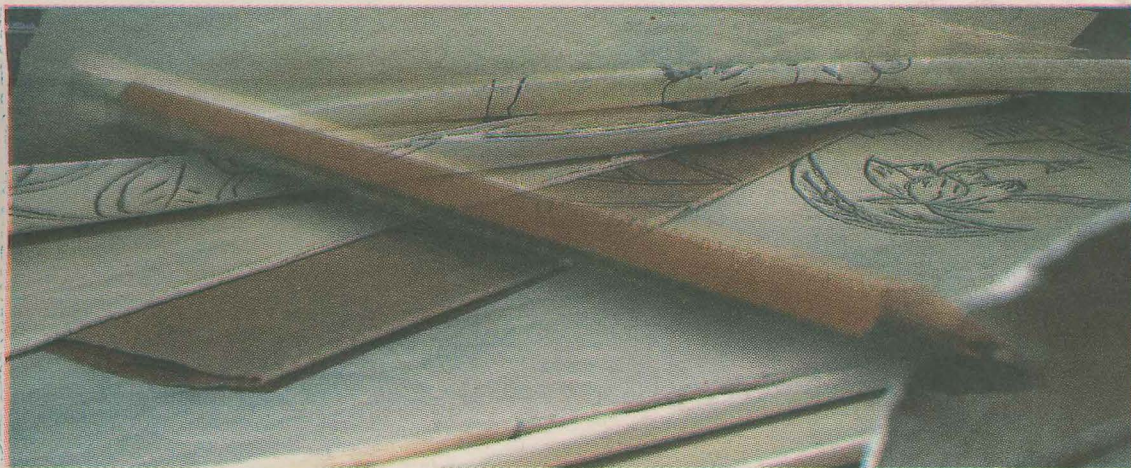
For more information go to www.uwstout.edu/police/laptop.htm.



Jason Harsh/Stoutonia

Several laptops have been stolen this year already, causing the students to be charged for the loss. There are many things students can do to help prevent the theft of their laptops, including keeping rooms locked and not leaving laptops unattended in public places.

Receive one-on-one time at the Writing Center



Jason Harsh/Stoutonia

The Writing Center is now open in Harvey Hall Room 413. The center provides trained undergraduate tutors to help students improve their writing and english skills.

By Kristie Wilson
Campus Editor

The University of Wisconsin-Stout Writing Center, located in Harvey Hall Room 413,

is there to help students receive free help from undergraduates who have been trained as peer tutors.

The center is open to all students of all writing levels that need help with a class.

At the center a student will receive confidential one-on-one

time with a trained tutor. They will also receive handouts and online resources and help with American Psychological Association (APA)/Modern Language Association (MLA) formats.

Call ahead and schedule an appointment with a tutor. Walk-in appointments are also available, but since there are a limited number of appointments it is recommended to call ahead to assure an appointment.

Each student is allowed to schedule one 60-minute appointment or two 30-minute appointments each week.

If a student needs to cancel an appointment, they must call the center ahead of time and let them know. Also, since the center is a privilege, if three appointments are skipped without calling, access to the Writing Center will be lost

for the semester for the student.

It is asked to bring two hard copies of the draft to the center, as the center does not have a printer. A copy of the assignment sheet and the student's objective should also be supplied.

Hours for the center this semester are: Monday and Wednesday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Thursday and Thursday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information contact the Writing Center at (715) 232-5284 or go to www.uwstout.edu/cas/english/writing.shtml.

Online Stoutonia
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Scholarships awarded to students

By Candice Maier
Campus Writer

The Stout University Foundation awarded undergraduates with more than \$500,000 in academic funds last Sept. 13. The event took place in the Great Hall of the Memorial Student Center.

Hundreds of students, along with their selected family members, poured into the ball room and waited for their names to be announced before they crossed the stage and received money that will assist them in their future endeavors.

Prescott Phillips, a 2003 business graduate from the

University of Wisconsin-Stout, spoke to the crowd about his own experience of being a scholarship recipient.

"Established in 1963, the Stout University Foundation Scholarship Program has helped more than 5,700 students receive a college education" (Board of Regents). Over the years, combined efforts of family, friends and alumni of UW-Stout have built the organization into what it is today.

Donors submit their contributions directly through the Stout University Foundation. Through much financial support, the university has awarded \$3 million in scholarships since the 1960s.

Any student can apply for a Foundation scholarship. The only requirement is that the applicant must attend UW-Stout.

The Foundation makes the form process convenient by only having the student fill out one application for all their scholarships.

This application is then considered for every scholarship offered. All students are strongly encouraged to apply for the Stout University Foundation scholarships.

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> Menomonie Five, Mabel Tainter Theater, 7 p.m., \$6

Friday, Sept. 22

> 10 Foot 5 + Buckets & Tap Shoes, Mabel Tainter Theater, 7 p.m., \$22

Saturday, Sept. 23

> Royal Tenenbaums, Pawn Patio, 7 p.m., Free.

> Prihoda, Acoustic Cafe 8 p.m., Free.

> Geoff Muldaur, Mabel Tainter Theater, 7 p.m., \$14

Sunday, Sept. 24

> Mabel's BBQ and Blues Festival, Mabel Tainter Theater, 2 p.m., \$8

Thursday, Sept. 28

> White Light Riot + This World Fair, Rec Center, 8 p.m., Free.

> The Buffali, Acoustic Cafe, 8 p.m., Free.

Friday, Sept. 29

> Anne Deming, Mabel Tainter Theater, 7 p.m., \$14

Saturday, Sept. 30

> Jeff Ray, Acoustic Cafe, 8 p.m., Free.

Weekend destruction fun



By Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

There will be a demolition derby, The Battle of the Builders, Saturday, Sept. 23 from 2 to 7 p.m. The derby will be held at the backyard of derby fanatic Wayne Webinger of Wayne's Events and Entertainment. The derby is located 9 miles west of Menomonie across from Connel's Apple Orchard.

The Battle of the Builders features cars that were lovingly built from the ground up only to

be destroyed in mere moments. Some racers spend as much as \$8,000 building these cars for a chance to win prize money of only \$1,000.

The Battle of the Builders began in 1999 and has grown in popularity over the years. Last spring's derby had 68 entrants, but in recent years the attendance has grown to as many as over 100 racers.

"It's more popular than the derby at the Dunn County Fair," said Webinger.

For those who are thinking that a backyard demolition derby sounds weak, the Battle of the Builders is far from it.

The derby is set in a natural amphitheater and the track is a natural waterway. Some derbies, like Webinger's, have water on

the track to make it muddy, a safety precaution used to slow down the cars that ruthlessly crash into one another.

There will also be concession stands and alcohol, which makes the derby available only to those over 21.

"The derby is not only a place for people to gather and have fun, it also has a cause," said Webinger.

Every year Webinger uses the derby to raise money for a cause of his choosing. In recent years he has sent money to Hurricane Katrina relief and to the Red Cross.

This year his cause is in remembrance of a fellow demolition racer, Charles Juleff, who died at the age of 21 while rebuilding a truck to race in the

sport he loved so much. A hidden car bomb exploded when Juleff was taking the truck apart. The explosion killed him instantly.

Webinger hopes to raise at least \$500 for Juleff's father at the derby through both ticket sales and raffles. Juleff's father will also receive a card signed by the racers.

After the derby there will be a light rock band named the Titanium Snail Glazers. The band's sound is comparable to Aerosmith, Alice Cooper and 3 Doors Down.

More information about the band can be found at <http://www.titaniumsnailglazers.com>.

More information about the derby can be found at <http://www.wecrash.com>

BDP presents bittersweet comedy to students



Source: <http://www.comecorrect.net>

"The Royal Tenenbaums," released in 2001, will be shown in Applied Arts 210 this weekend to students.

By Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

Blue Devil Productions will be presenting Web Anderson's film "The Royal Tenenbaums" Saturday, Sept. 23 at 7 p.m. in Applied Arts 210. The event is free to students.

Blue Devil Productions is sponsoring this event as part of a series in order to give students a free form of entertainment on the weekends.

The movie is about a man named Royal Tenenbaum, his wife Etheline and their three children, Chas, Richie and Margot, a family of geniuses.

After Royal and his wife separated, Chas started buying real estate while still in his early teens and seemed to have a natural understanding of international finance.

Margot was a playwright and received a Braverman grant of \$50,000 in the ninth grade.

Richie was a junior champion tennis player and won the U.S. Nationals three years in a row.

Virtually all memory of the brilliance of the young Tenenbaums was erased by two decades of betrayal, failure and disaster – mostly considered to be their father's fault.

This tale follows the family's sudden and unexpected reunions after Royal falsely announces a terminal illness.

Starring Gene Hackman and Anjelica Huston as the Tenenbaum parents and Gwyneth Paltrow, Ben Stiller and Luke Wilson as the Tenenbaum children, this film is all together hilariously strange and poignant.



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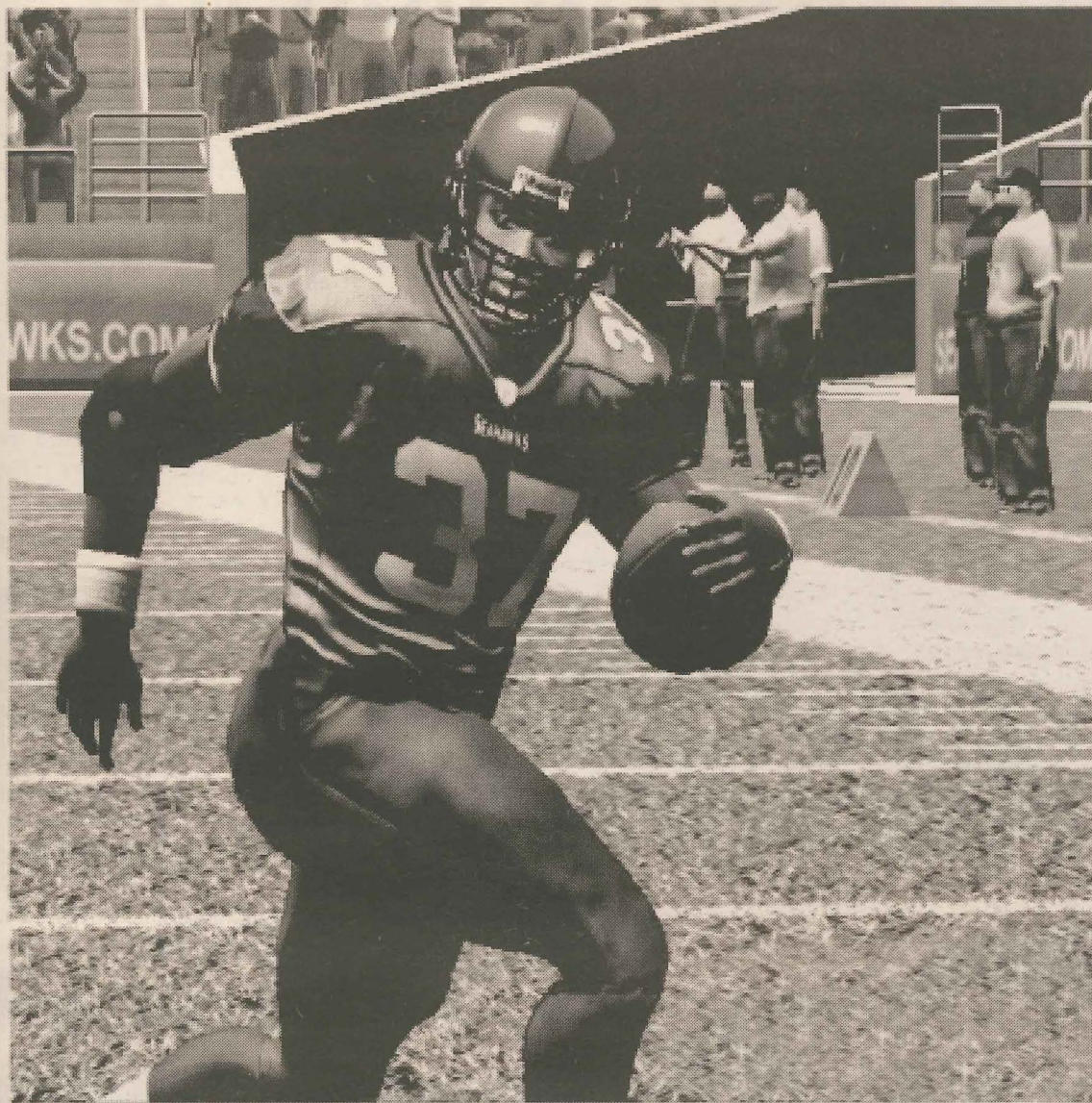
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"Madden" scores again



Source: <http://boards.ign.com>

The graphics of "Madden '07" are not the only high-quality features the new game version offers. The game has many enhancements from its predecessor, such as the ability to play a college all-star game.

By Chris Moellering
Entertainment Writer

It's fall again and for many people that means the kickoff of another season of football.

In recent years, football has been raised to an almost spiritual status. Fans crave it, some suffer withdrawals.

People can't live without the hits, the touchdowns, and the fourth quarter comebacks.

For a lot of people, the start of the football season is a reminder to their past high school stardom, or their NFL fantasies.

To video gamers who never had those experiences or dreams, football kickoff means something else equally exciting, the release of a new "Madden" game.

This year's game, "Madden '07," was released Aug. 22 and

set records for selling over two million copies in its first week of sales. People stood in lines for hours at local Wal-Marts, anticipating the release.

"Madden '07" sticks to its very familiar game play. Although the bulk of the game remains the same, the creators at Electronic Arts were sure to add some much-needed new features.

A new control feature allows the gamer to control the lead blocker and create running holes for the tailback. Once the hole is created, the gamer can switch back to the tailback and run the ball.

Another new feature that helps the running game is the highlight stick. It allows the player with the ball to make better jukes, which are shoulder fakes to avert defensive attention, and break big-

ger runs.

Another new feature lets the gamer play a college all-star game, which helps scout your next years draft picks.

Above all, "Madden '07" finally has team-specific defensive playbooks, which brings more variety to the game.

Along with the new features, this year's Madden has a solid soundtrack, which includes bands Rise Against, Less than Jake, 30 Seconds to Mars, Audioslave and The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus.

With a mix of punk rock, hard rock, and hip-hop, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Combine the solid soundtrack with much needed new features and add them to a game that is already great and it makes for an automatic hit.

Art experience for all

ARP Program not just for art majors

By Jenna Wojan
Entertainment Writer

The Artist-in-Residence Program (ARP) provides students an opportunity to artistically explore materials, techniques, and ideas, and is open to students in any major.

Bud and Betty Micheels initiated the program in 1998.

"[ARP] should stimulate student involvement in addressing the relationship of art and technology," Bud Micheels explained in a

1996 interview with Stout Outlook. The faculty provides support to the students in the form of mentors.

The program provides a research opportunity for artists to identify a focus for their work.

"It aids them in maturing as artists in a substantial way" said Ron Verdon, the art program director.

Miriam Houg, a senior in studio art, is involved in ARP this year. Houg's mentor, Tamara Brantmeier, is a painting professor for the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

In the program, Houg is fo-

cusing on working with fibers, including felt, fiber making, knitting and weaving.

The project must also include technology, and Houg is experimenting with deodorizing fabric and spinning wool.

"The program looks really good on a résumé," said Houg, "It also allows me to pursue personal

work, which I haven't had the opportunity to do."

Projects are wide and varied, ranging from digital art to still life studies

and metalwork to exploring different materials.

The selected individuals receive a \$500 stipend for the academic year and are able to draw up to \$1,000 for materials and related expenses.

Previous ARP participants' work has been honored at a year-end exhibition and is displayed on the fourth floor of the Library Learning Center.

Students can apply for this program in the late spring and are selected by a committee based upon recommendations, portfolio work and current transcripts.

SOMEPLACE ELSE

Nightly Specials

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Wednesday

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Annual Minnesota festival never disappoints



Ellen Schuetz/Stoutonia

The Renaissance Festival, entertaining people with a variety of medieval merriment, will come to a close for the season on Oct. 1, their Chocolate and Romance weekend. Bring a date!

By Ellen Schuetz
Entertainment Writer

The Minnesota Renaissance Festival ends Oct. 1. There are two weekends left to enjoy the fair. Sept. 23 through Sept. 24 is the Wine Weekend and Sept. 30 through Oct. 1 is the Chocolate and Romance weekend.

There are many events to look forward to when setting foot on the grounds. Stages will hold a variety of shows including comedy, juggling and more.

One such comedy act is the infamous Tortuga Twins. They perform several shows throughout the day, each one different.

These shows generally include pulling audience members on stage, heckling the crowd and making jokes, often at the expense of themselves. You can visit their website at <http://www.tortugatwins.com>.

Puke and Snot is another comedy team performing at the festival. Their shows are always packed, and they have their name on many pieces of merchandise, including T-shirts that parody name brands.

More information about Puke and Snot can be found at their website, <http://www.maga-ga.com>.

The Minnesota Renaissance Festival also has shops lining the outer walls and rows down the center of the grounds.

The most common shops include pottery, woodworking, glass blowing and sculpting, and wax shops.

It's definitely worthwhile to stop in each of them, because

they all have something unique to offer. Fantastic food can be found at the fair. There is a wide variety of foods available, some more authentic than others.

Among the food items to choose from are tacos, soup in a bread bowl, turkey drumsticks, cheese curds and sandwiches. Beverages include soda, wine, beer and smoothies.

Tired festival-goers can stop at one of the many hammock stores and put their feet up. There are also many specialty stores.

Patrons can find all sorts of trinkets from crochet work to hand-made items and leather.

All the stores are operated by people who make a living off of their trade. Most of them return year after year, and even offer custom made items.

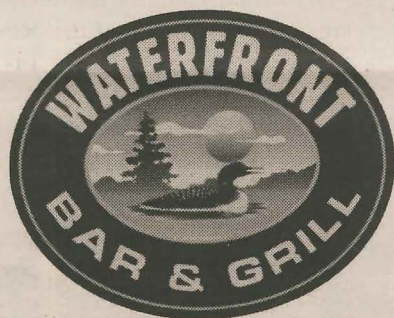
Festival-goers often get pulled into activities without trying. Costumed employees like to include the sometimes-unwilling voyeurs in dances, jesting and other sorts of merriment.

Dirty costumed beggars in the streets heckle people who walk by without contributing to the begging pot and sometimes attempt to trip innocent people.

These and many more activities happen all the time at the Minnesota Ren. Fair.

There's never a boring moment. Patrons can witness live armored jousts twice a day in the center of the fair grounds.

To find out more information about this event visit their website at <http://renaissancefest.com/MRF>.



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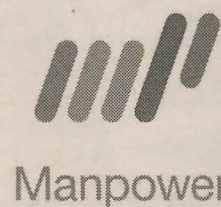
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Thriller novel delves into delirium

By Jenna Wojan
Entertainment Writer

"House of Leaves," a novel released in 2000 by Mark Z. Danielewski is an intellectual and haunting trip into a journal of a stranger.

In reality, it is hard to describe, there is so much going on in this novel that it almost gives the reader a feeling of uneasiness.

The novel begins with the discovery of an eccentric monograph written by a blind man about a nonexistent documentary film called The Navidson Report.

Complete with an index identifying every word used in the book. Sound confusing? It is.

In the "Navidson Report," Will Navidson, a prize-winning news photographer, attempts to save a failed relationship by moving his girlfriend and children to a house in Virginia.

Soon, Will discovers that the exterior of the house measures less than the interior, and the discovery of passageways and appearing hallways and rooms send Will into a paranoid frenzy.

The layout of the book is

eerie in itself, constructed in poems and scientific notes, all surrealistically tied together.

Some pages of the novel describe the main character's unusual feelings of paranoia, while some pages are scattered with footnotes, collages, photos, and other pages contain only a few words.

Even more interestingly, every time the word "house" appears in the text, it is printed in blue ink.

The way the book is written affects its readers in such a way that they are drawn in to the character's own mind and begins to understand his paranoid way of thinking.

Danielewski is often compared to Russian novelist Vladimir Nabokov, who is responsible for the controversial novel "Lolita."

Danielewski uses a trick perfected by Nabokov by weaving one narrative in footnotes to the other, creating a choppy, but connected story.

Amazingly, "House of Leaves" and Danielewski's companion piece, The "Whalestoe Letters," has developed a cult following after a gradual release on the internet and it became a bestseller in 2000.



Source: <http://www.spookyart.com>

The novel "House of Leaves" is a whirlwind story about disappearing hallways and reappearing rooms that eventually drives the main character insane.

The psycho-analytic novel sends many readers on a gripping ride through the "House of Leaves," and is possibly the best kept secret in conventional horror writing.

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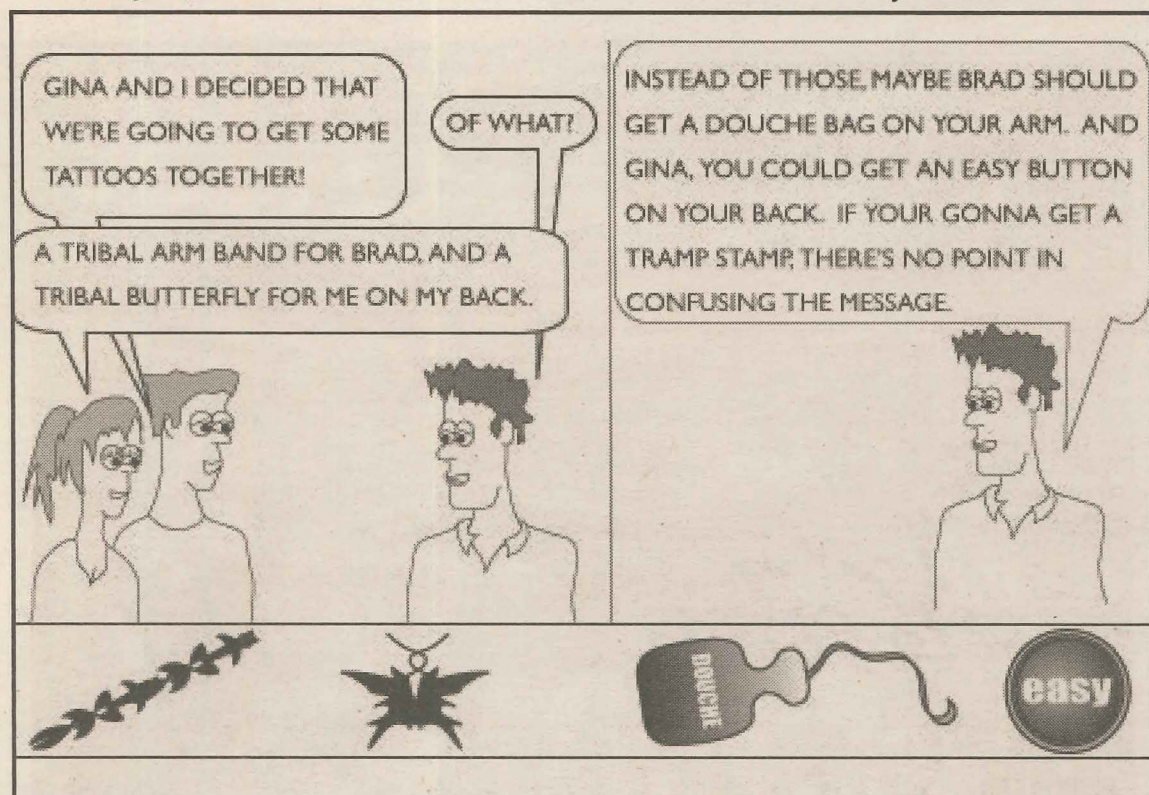
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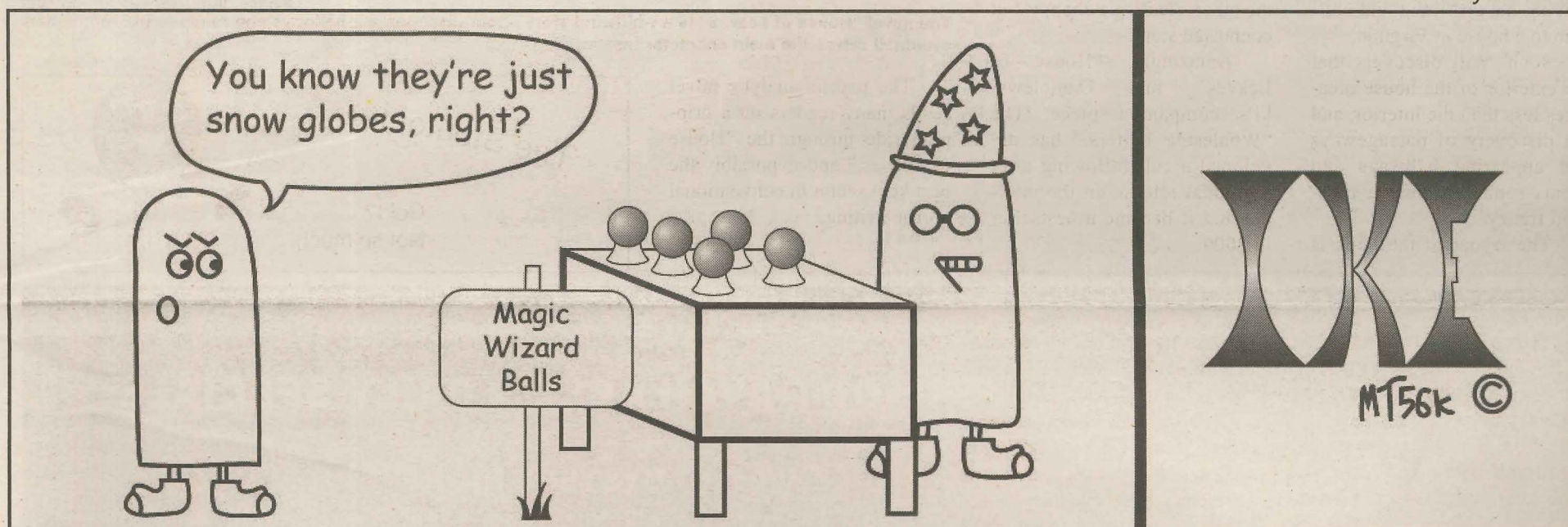
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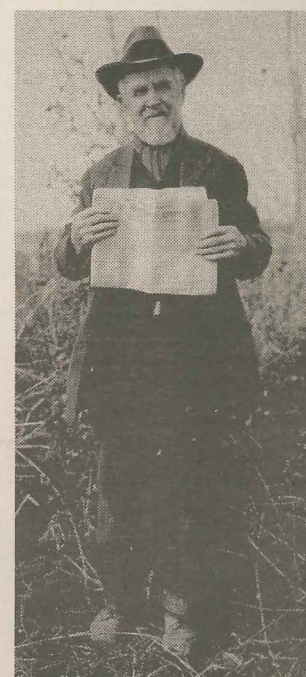
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New hall-of-famers

Five alumni added to hall of fame

By Casey Nold
Sports Editor

Editor's Note: The statistics used in this article were taken from www.uwstout.edu/athletics.

On Saturday, Sept. 23, Greg Osterhaus, Ryan Sweeney, Terry Anders, Karen Lien and Jerry Sinz will be added to the University of Wisconsin-Stout Athletic Hall of Fame. The five UW-Stout alumni have earned this reward through years of dedicated hard work.

Greg Osterhaus, currently a construction worker around the Twin Cities, played baseball for UW-Stout from 1992-1995.

Before attending college, he played two years of international fastpitch softball.

Osterhaus was a four year, first team all-conference catcher. He broke the UW-Stout career home run record which hadn't been matched until recently. He was also a 1995 NCAA Division III Midwest All-Region selection. (UW-Stout Athletic Page.)

Ryan Sweeney was a gymnast at UW-Stout from 1979-1983. He is a retired Intel Corporation employee that worked in engineering in the Western United States.

Sweeney's speciality was the still rings where he was one of only three UW-Stout gymnasts that competed at NCAA Division I national meets. He earned five first place finishes at NAIA invitational meets.

In 1982 he suffered a rotator cuff injury, but came back the following season to earn the NAIA National Outstanding Gymnast award.

Sweeney then qualified for the NAIA Division I meet and won second place at the NCAA Division II national championships.

Terry Anders was an early childhood education major and is now teaching and coaching in the Fall Creek school district.

Anders was the Wisconsin State University Conference scholar-athlete and an Academic All-American. He was a 20-time WSUC champion, six-time track and field national champion and 13-time All-American.

He won the 400-meter indoor

titles in 1995 and 1996. He won the outdoor championships at North Central College those same years. Anders held nine school records, some of which have not been broken.

Karen Lien is now teaching special education in the Clear Lake school district. But then, she was the first pitcher for the first four years of the softball program at UW-Stout from 1992-1995. During this time she held every pitching record.

Lien holds the WIAC record of 660 innings thrown during her softball career at UW-Stout. She still holds the school records for most wins in a season and most career wins. She also ranks fourth in the league with 409 career strikeouts.

She helped the softball program take flight for UW-Stout.

Jerry Sinz has been a technology education and math teacher at Edgar High School since he graduated in 1971. He has won two teacher of the year awards in 1998 and 1999.

At the University of Wisconsin-Stout Sinz played safety, where he started for two years and then played as a punt returner for his junior and senior years.

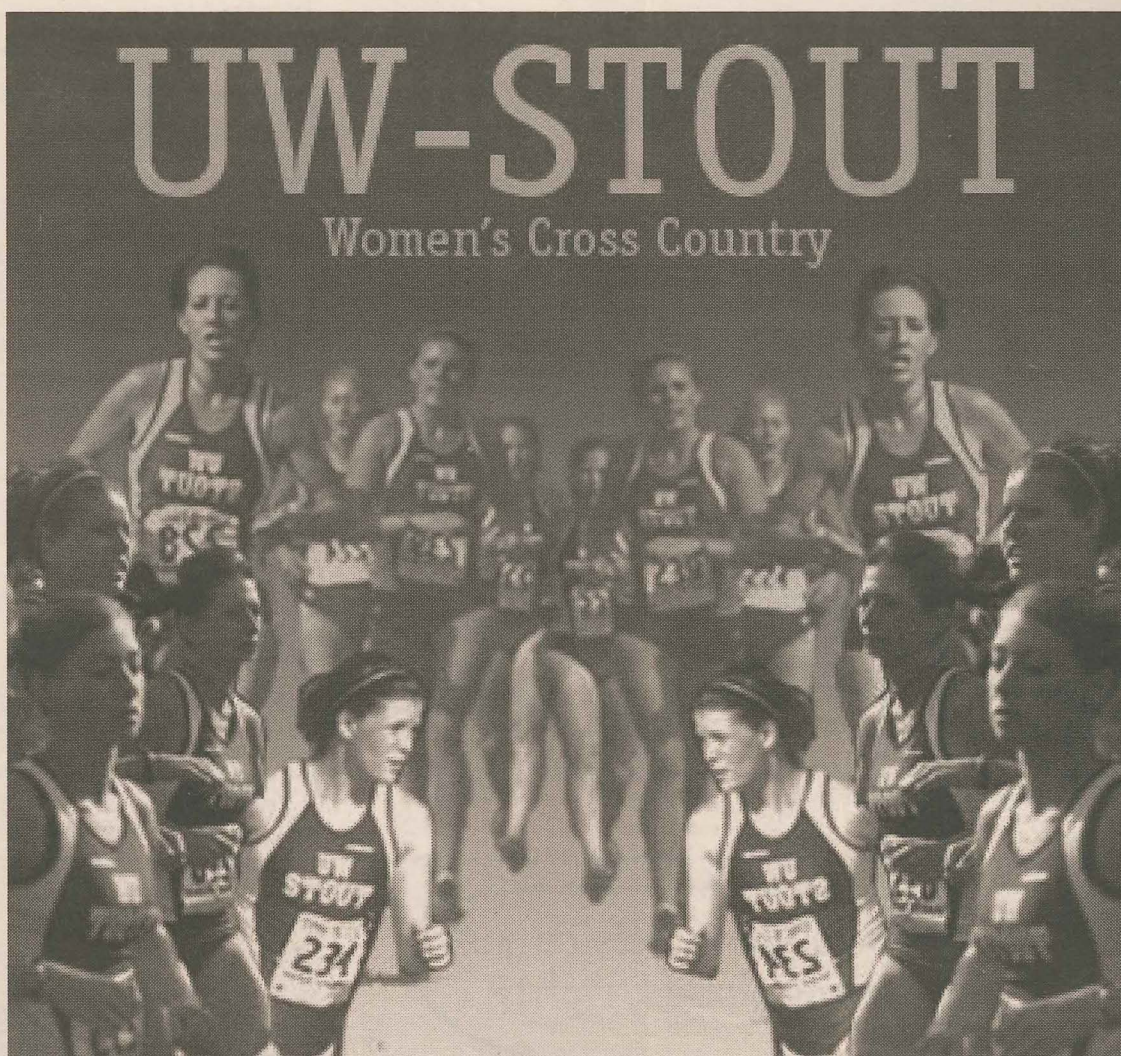
As a coach he has led his Edgar High School football team through nine undefeated years, 16 conference championships, four state championships, three state runner-up titles and 19 playoff experiences.

Sinz has been named the region coach of the year eight times and the conference coach of the year nine times.

Congratulations to these five outstanding UW-Stout alumni athletes. The ceremony will take place at the Memorial Student Center at 9 a.m. Sept. 23.

The tickets are \$13 and cover the ceremony and brunch. For tickets call the UW-Stout athletic office at 715-232-2444.

Runners start year strong



Drew Retherford/Stoutonia

The cross country team starts strong with last years top five runners returning. Coach Harlan said that the team is smaller this year and that they will be focusing on quality.

By Josh Parsley
Sports Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's cross country team opened their season with the Jamie Block Alumni/Intrasquad meet on Sept. 2.

The team made a promising finish to start the year.

At the alumni meet, junior cross country runner Abbey Ring, who is majoring in dietetics, grabbed first place.

"It felt really good to take first at the alumni race. I was happy with my race and how it ended up. More than anything I was just excited to be starting another season of racing cross country," said Ring.

Coach Joe Harlan expressed that he was pleased with his team.

"We are ahead of previous years," said Harlan, "the team is much deeper and depth equals potential."

"The team is a little smaller this year," said Harlan. "We are more focused on quality."

The team has the top five runners returning from last year and new, strong recruits were added to this year's roster as well.

Coach Harlan said that his team put in the recommended miles and more for their off-season preparation which gives them a strong hold for this season.

"I just put in a lot of miles and built a good base," said Ring. "My main goal during the off season was to train hard but not cross the line to where I got injured or burnt out."

Harlan's main concern is preventing injuries.

He also wants his team to adapt to a higher lever of competition, this will prepare them mentally and physically for the level of competition at regionals and hopefully nationals.

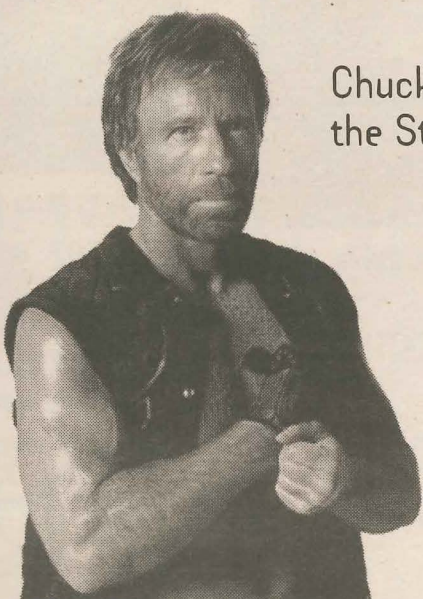
After the alumni meet, the team had some time to rest and get ready for their first meet of the season at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

The teams competing at this meet consisted of three D-1 teams, five D-2 teams, six D-3 teams and four smaller division teams.

UW-Stout took sixth at the meet, outrunning the D-1 schools that participated.

"I didn't finish as well as I would've liked to this weekend, but I have no regrets and I'm just looking forward to next weekend," said Ring. "Our team ran really well against the competition we had on Saturday."

The team is practicing hard for the Roy Griak Invitational this Saturday, Sept. 23 in Minneapolis, Minn.



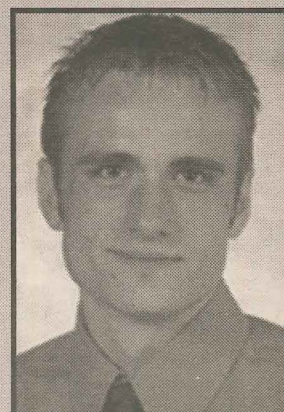
Chuck Norris doesn't read the Stoutonia...

The Stoutonia reads Chuck Norris.

ATHLETE Week

THE FACTS: Cross Country: a senior hailing from Sauk Rapids, Minn. Nate Haeny is the UW-Stout athlete of the week.

Haeny led UW-Stout in the season opener when the Blue Devils placed 10th of 18 in the Midwest Classic. Haeny's time was 27 minutes, 30 seconds good enough to place him 35th of 222 runners on a 8-kilometer course.



Got mad skills? Don't? Bowling club caters to pros, novices alike

By Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

The bowling club is making changes. President of the bowling club, Phil Swartzter, has high hopes for the club this year.

Along with improving the competitive side of the club, Swartzter also wishes to introduce a noncompetitive, recreational side which will open the club up to more members.

"I want men and women of all skill levels to join the club," said Swartzter.

Instituting a recreational section of the club will enable members to enhance their bowling game, learn tips from other experienced bowlers and meet new people and bowl at leisure for a low price.

There will also be tournaments held on campus for the recreational league. Players will pay

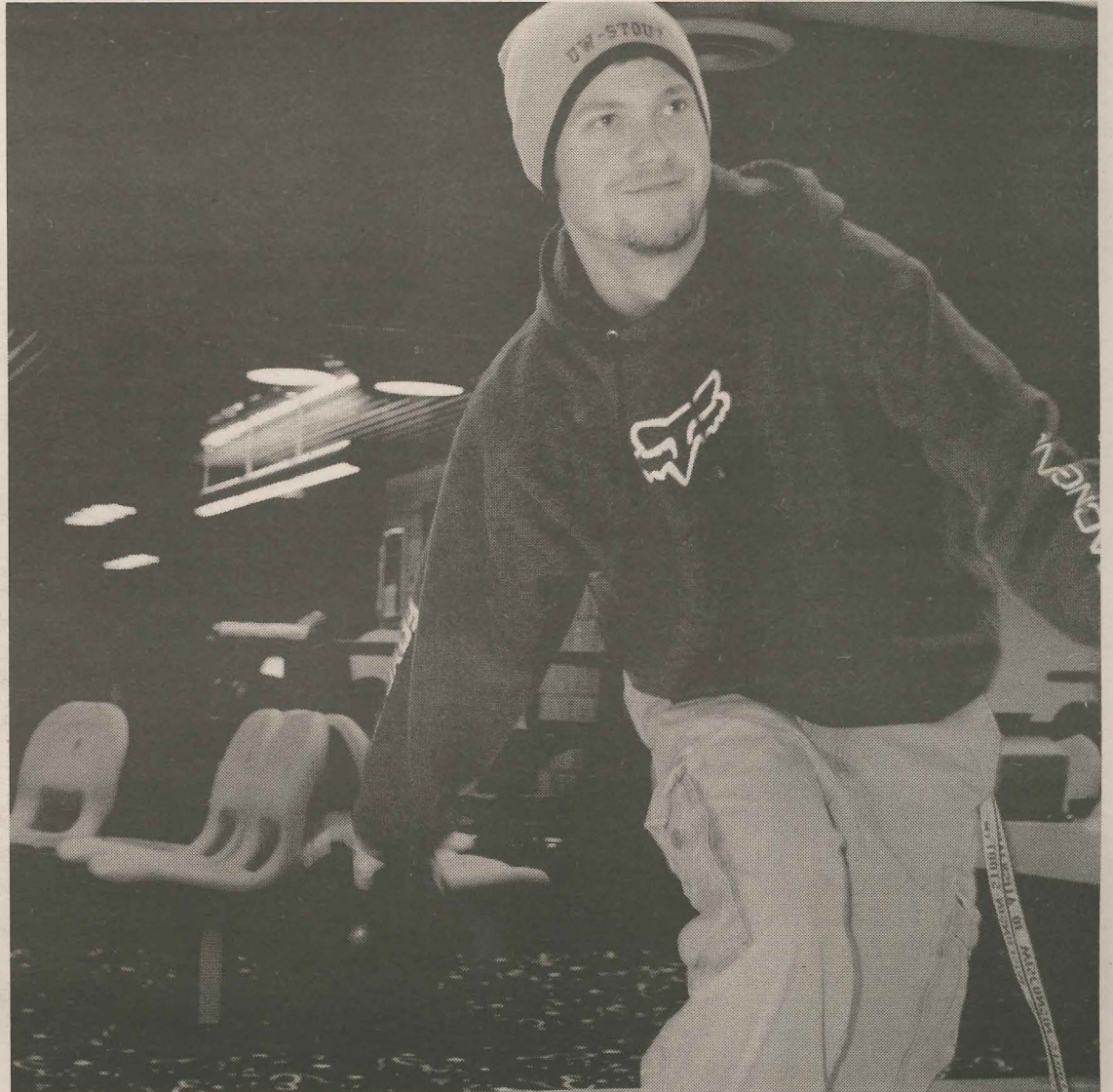
reduced prices to play: 75 cents for each game and 25 cents to rent shoes.

Swartzter also hopes that added interest in the club will encourage enhancements to the campus bowling lanes. Changes could include improved lanes and electronic scoring.

There will be an official meeting to discuss changes to the bowling center Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. in the Rec Center.

The club hopes that potential members will come to the meeting, regardless of experience. Two positions, secretary and treasurer, the University of Wisconsin-Stout bowling club was last in its conference.

"In order to pick ourselves up from the bottom, we need to build a solid team this year," said Swartzter.

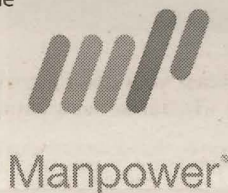


Zach Thorne is using the on campus bowling facilities for recreation, something that the bowling club is trying to get more students doing.

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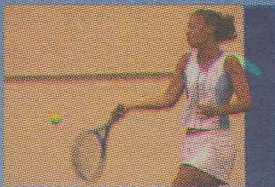
BLUE DEVIL SCOREBOARD

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8-1 FINAL

The tennis team defeated UW-Stevens Point 8-1

Next game: Saturday Sept. 23 against Hamline University and Lawrence University



SOCCER (1-4)

0-1 FINAL

The soccer team lost to UW-Oshkosh in the first game of conference play

Next Game: Sept. 23 hosting UW-Lacrosse



FOOTBALL (2-0)

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Football defeated Upper Iowa two years running

Next Game: Sept. 23 hosting Withworth College



MEN'S GOLF

2nd of 12

The mens golf team finished 2nd of 12 teams at the Carthage Fall Invitational

Next Game: Sept. 24-25 at the Wigglesworth Blugold Invite



Volleyball (10-3)

3-1

Volleyball wins three of four games at the Marymount, Va, Invite

Next Game: Sept. 22 at UW-Stevens Point



Men's club soccer works to overcome obstacles

By Casey Nold
Sports Editor

The University of Wisconsin-Stout club soccer team has had a tough time so far this season. Injuries kept the team from winning, and the club wants to see more new faces on the field.

"This is a building year, but not in a bad way," said Pat Purves, a business major and president of the club soccer team. He explains that one of his goals this year is to get more people to come out and play, especially freshmen.

Pat also wants the team to get back to nationals. The UW-Stout club soccer team made its first appearance last year and Pat said he wants to keep up the tradition.

The club soccer team has had four games and has not been able to put in a victory.

The team has been plagued with injuries. They also have only been able to practice three times and are trying to get used to the new goalie they have.

Even with all the troubles, they still have hope. Sophomore Jeff Martinson, a construction management major, said that

the team is still confident. He also said that the team is finding out what is wrong, fixing it, and getting back on track.

"The team has had a rough start," said senior Chad Deines, an applied science major and captain of the team. He then explained that the team just needs more practice together to get teamwork going.

The team is facing the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point at home this Saturday at 2 p.m.

"They will be good, but we will compete," said Purves. It should be fun to watch."

They also have another home game on Sunday facing the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee at 8 p.m.

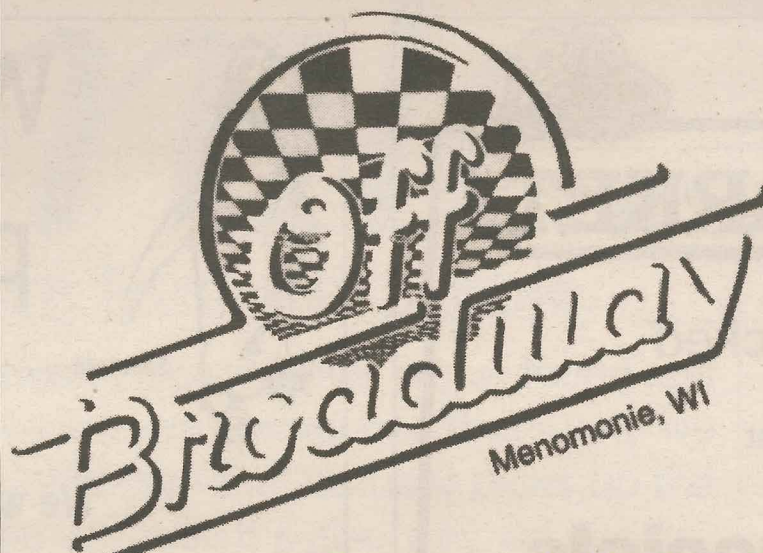
For anyone who wants to play soccer, come and play for the UW-Stout club soccer team. The team holds practices Monday through Friday at 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the soccer fields.

The team is looking for anyone willing to play, regardless of talent. They want people who are willing to put in the effort and have a fun time. You can learn more about the league at its homepage: <http://www.geocities.com/mwalliance>.



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Injuries have kept the men's club soccer team from finding victory on the field. The club is currently recruiting for new members.



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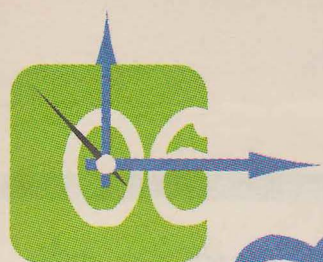
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Construction on campus gets in the way

By Matt Ader
News Writer

The recent construction occurring across South Campus has many students wondering, just what are they doing? Digging up huge mounds of soil, running dewatering lines down the street, making a racket, producing some lovely smells, putting up the fun orange construction fencing, and pouring new sidewalk, the construction crews have raised a few questions, as well as a few eyebrows.

The arrival of this construction creates questions that beg to be answered. Fortunately answers are available in the University of Wisconsin-Stout Campus Physical Development Plan 2007-2013, and the Storm Water Management Plan. These items can be found online at www.uwstout.edu/bpa/capitalplan/plan07.pdf and at www.uwsa.edu/capbud/documents/Swmp/UWSTO_SWMP_DRAFT.pdf respectively. These PDF files are extensive, but provide a great insight to the plans Stout has for improving itself over the next several years.

Some of the plans are obvious, such as addressing the issues of our aging residence halls, like the familiar tale that JTC is slowly sliding into Lake Menominee. Others are a little less known, such as updating the lighting and rearranging rooms to maximize efficiency



Stacie McCormack/Stoutonia

Construction on campus has no doubt drawn attention from students walking to and from class each day, but does anyone know what they are really doing with all that dirt?

in the Home Economics building, or upgrading Harvey Hall's secondary power supply.

Other plans involve green space for students to enjoy, aesthetic landscaping near buildings, and installing rain gardens to reducing water run-off from parking lots and buildings, thus affirming UW-Stout's commitment to the environment.

Problem areas susceptible to flooding are considered within the article as well, most likely to benefit anyone who makes frequent use of the athletic fields. For students on North Campus, many may be pleased to hear that UW-Stout is in negotiations to acquire additional parking, a premium across all of campus, especially so on the north side.

Contained within each article are detailed maps, graphs, charts, descriptions, and all forms of other data assessing the needs of the campus at large. They discuss ways to solve these issues. Anyone who is interested in seeing what these issues are, and their recommended solutions is urged to read the articles.

It is reassuring, despite all the griping students may desire to express about the age and state of some of the buildings on campus, that there is a plan in place to take care of all of these issues. It's too bad not everyone will be around long enough to see the most drastic changes.

Minimum wage bashed

By Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

The Democratic Party of Wisconsin joined Gov. Jim Doyle Tuesday in calling on Rep. Mark Green and republicans in Washington to raise the federal minimum wage for America's working families. The session concluded with no action taken to raise the minimum wage.

It has been nine years since the last increase, and when adjusted for inflation, minimum wage has fallen to its lowest level in more than fifty years.

Minimum wage has fallen

exceptionally well below the wages of other workers, including the nation's CEOs. For example, in 1978, even before the wage gap escalated to its current state, the average CEO was still paid 78 times as much as a full-time worker earning the minimum wage. By 2005, the average CEO was paid 821 times as much as a minimum wage earner.

According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, there has been only one other period since the inception of

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Are we addicted to placebos?

By Tracy Considine
News Editor



Alan Scott/Physics

Recently a University of Wisconsin-Stout professor, Dr. Alan Scott had his book, "Addicted to Placebos: Understanding Science in Society," published.

Scott has been diligently working on it for the past six years. He compares the content of his book to "Demon Haunted World," by Carl Sagan.

Dr. Alan Scott is a professor of physics and has a bachelors degree in education with concentrations of math and physics. He also has a doctorate in experimental nuclear physics, which he received at Kent State University. He has taught courses in applied engineering mechanics, physics, astronomy, geology and physical science.

"Addicted to Placebos" is

not the only book Scott has written. He wrote a collection of twenty short bedtime stories for children. He also has a number of papers and articles to add to his list of accomplishments.

Scott's book can be used as both a textbook and a general read for those with average science literacy. The book is centered around the power of critical thinking.

"It's built on the concept of using unusual claims to build concrete thinking skills and analyze their content for

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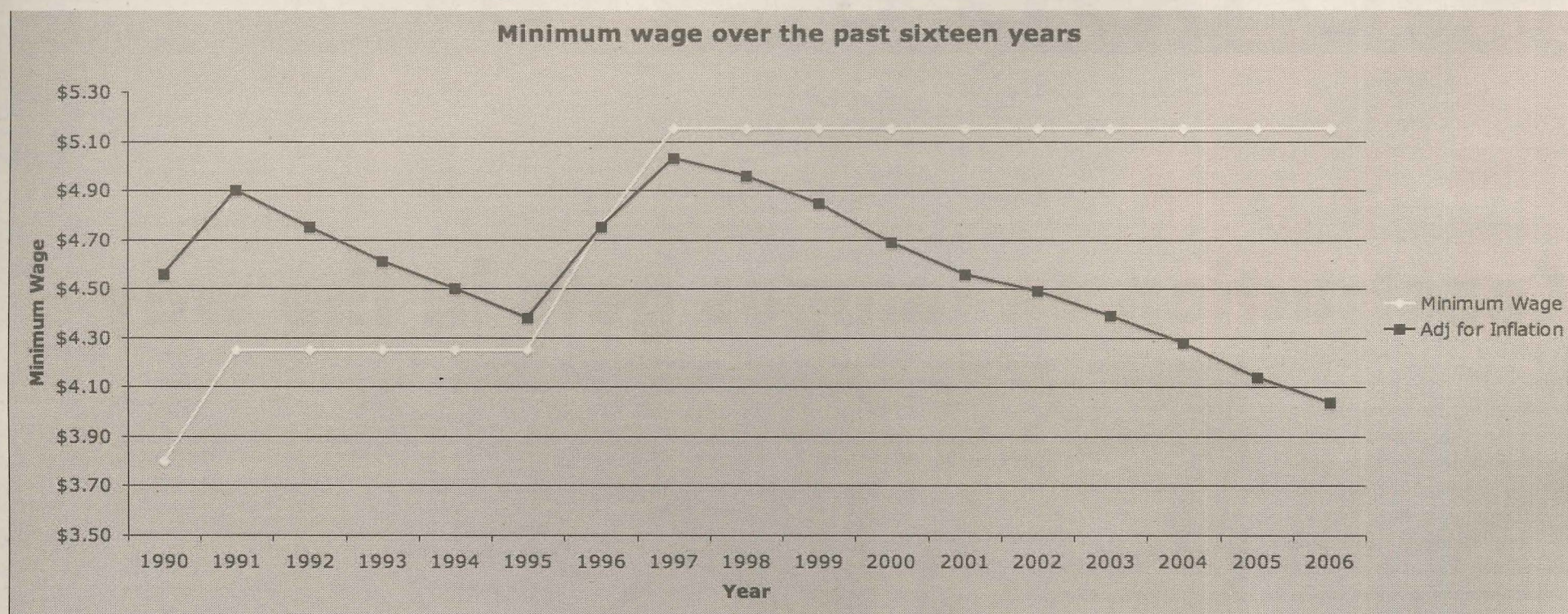
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Minimum wage/ increase proposal denied



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The graph shown above illustrates the national minimum wage along with the minimum wage adjusted for inflation during the past sixteen years.

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the minimum wage where it has remained unchanged for more than nine years. The minimum wage remained the same for the nine-year-and-three-

month period from January 1981 until April 1990.

Since September 1997 the minimum wage has remained at \$5.15 an hour, but the cost-of-living has risen by 26 percent. After adjusting for inflation, the

value of the minimum wage is at its lowest level since 1955.

Under Gov. Jim Doyle, Wisconsin has raised the state's minimum wage twice, which now stands at \$1.35 more than the national average.

The federal minimum wage has never been automatically increases each year to ensure that it maintains its purchasing power. As a result, Congress has to act to provide such adjustments.

Since adjustments have rarely happened in a timely fashion, representatives have continued to lobby Congress to consider adding such a feature to minimum wage in addition to raising it.

Hall Events Committee election votes tallied

By Jenny Stabenow
News Writer

Campus-wide elections were held Wednesday, Sept. 20 for the Hall Events Committee (HEC) for each dorm. Voting took place in Price Commons. Residents voted for a hall chair, treasurer, secretary and two IRHA representatives.

Now that the votes are in and have been tallied up, you're dorm has HEC representatives. Find out who your representatives are by contacting your hall director.

Residents may not be aware of what the committee can do for them.

Kate Planton, the hall chair for CK (Curran-Kranzusch), said, "as far as future plans for HEC? I have a few ideas and I hope the elected committee will bring their ideas to the table as well. I am a big believer in volunteering and would like to incorporate volunteer work in HEC."

HEC's main focus is to unite the halls they represent. For instance, Tustison-Oetting

HEC will plan activities for residents of Tustison and Oetting to do together so they will be able to meet people who live near them.

"We will plan fun group activities to bring together people who haven't met yet," said Robert Nelson, CK's IRHA representative.

Planton has similar goals and said, "my main focus is to get many students to join and interact with other floors of Curran-Kranzusch so they can spread out from just their one floor."

The hall chair will run all weekly hall meetings. He or she will also be responsible for the making and hanging of all advertisements for HEC and recruiting representatives from each floor while assisting in planning of HEC events.

The treasurer is in charge of a hall budget and how HEC will spend the money. The secretary takes notes at each meeting and then distributes them to the IRHA secretary and hall director.

IRHA representatives have

extra duties besides being on HEC. They are required to attend weekly IRHA meetings and HEC weekly meetings to become a voice between their hall and IRHA.

Residents can get involved by attending the social gathering sponsored by HEC.

The Young Americans Fund

By Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

An alliance of college students announced Tuesday the launch of The Young Americans Fund.

The fund is an innovative political group geared toward college students. It will focus on the three political policy problems that will most negatively and lastingly impact future generations: global warming, the soaring national debt and scandals in Congress.

"With this effort, college students are taking our concerns about policies that will impact us to the national level," said Derek Schlickeisen, president of The Young Americans Fund and a sophomore at Middlebury College in Vermont. "Change won't come unless we demand it, and that's what we're doing."

With the launch of its fall campaign to educate the pub-

lic, the Fund released a scorecard for 2005-2006 that assigns each member of Congress a percentage score based on how he or she voted on a dozen global warming, national debt and ethics-related pieces of legislation.

In choosing which issues and votes to score, The Young Americans Fund selected those whose impact on future generations would be the most significant and hardest to reverse.

On the Fund's Web site, members of the public can find their elected representatives and learn more about their records in Congress.

The full scorecard is available at www.youngamericansfund.org.

In an attempt to wrangle in students at specific colleges, the group will run banners and ads on myspace.com and facebook.com. On facebook.com, for instance, the Fund will target dif-

ferent Web ads to students at colleges in states with the most reckless or responsible members of Congress.

"By harnessing the power of Web sites like Facebook, we can reach out to other young Americans in an accessible way" said Mario Ariza, the group's policy director.

Members of The Young Americans Fund's senior leadership and advisory board come from a diverse group of colleges nationwide, including universities from Texas, North Carolina, New York, Virginia, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Vermont.

For more information, contact The Young Americans Funds at (703) 297-5014 or e-mail press@youngamericansfund.org.



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UAD 2nd: 2
Hit and run: 1
Public urination: 4
Possession of Paraphernalia: 6

Call mom for a ride

Monday, Sept. 18, outside of North Hall, a locked bike was stolen.

I'm not permitted here

Wednesday, Sept. 20, four individual UW-Stout parking permits went missing

But I'm a starving artist

Wednesday, Sept. 20, a bike was stolen while locked up outside the Applied Arts building.

Hey, where did they all go?

Saturday, Sept. 23, a report of underage drinking occurred in North Hall; upon arrival the room was silent with no one responding.

Batting a thousand today

Monday, Sept. 18, a window was broken by a baseball in Froggat Hall.

Take my car, it's worth more

Tuesday, Sept. 19, one parking permit went missing

Smells like fun, better run

Thursday, Sept. 21, officers responded to a noise complaint located in North Hall. Strong odors of intoxicants were present on the floor but room occupants could not be contacted.

College senior stupidity



By Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

A study administered by the University of Connecticut's Department of Public Policy on behalf of the Intercollegiate Studies Institute found that college students are not graduating with an accurate understanding of American history and important institutions.

The study was taken randomly with more than 14,000 randomly selected college freshmen and seniors from 50 of

the nation. It is the largest scientifically valid survey ever conducted to measure student knowledge of these subjects at colleges and universities.

Those who took the test were asked 60 multiple-choice questions about American history, government, America and the world, and the market economy.

The average overall score for college seniors was 53.2 percent, just 1.5 percent higher than the overall score for freshmen, which was 51.7 percent.

Scores from the test repre-

sent failure by a large margin, demonstrating that institutions of higher learning are neglecting to effectively teach students about their country's history and founding principles.

At 16 of the schools tested, the freshmen scored higher than the seniors, which raises the question: Does college actually make students less intelligent?

"Today's college students, who are America's future leaders, must understand their nation's history and founding principles if they are to be informed, engaged citizens prepared and motivated to im-

prove the public life of their communities and their nation," said Josiah Bunting, III, ISI's National Civic Literacy Board chairman.

The study also revealed that students won't learn what colleges don't teach. Schools where students took more courses in American history, political science and economics outperformed those schools where fewer courses were completed.

However, greater civic learning goes hand-in-hand with more active citizenship. Students who demonstrated greater learning of America's history and institutions were more engaged in citizenship activities such as voting, volunteer community service and political campaigns.

About 86 percent of the students at the four highest-ranked colleges had exercised their right to vote at least once.

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"The students' dismal scores provide high-quality evidence of the state of civic learning on campuses throughout the nation - and the results are far from encouraging.

"They constitute nothing less than a coming crisis in American citizenship."

Key findings of the study show that prestige doesn't pay

NEWS for the college attention span

Sex offender sentenced to death

Alfonso Rodriguez Jr. was sentenced to death in Fargo, N.D. for kidnapping and killing a college student, Dru Sjodin, in 2003. Sjodin was abducted from a mall parking lot in Grand Forks. She was later beaten, raped and stabbed. Her body was found five months later.

"Harry Potter" co-star reconsidering film

Emma Watson has played Hermione Granger in the past four "Harry Potter" films and is currently filming the fifth. However, she is unsure if she wants to continue with the last two films. She loves to perform, but, "there are so many things I love doing," she said.

Starbucks inflates prices

Starbucks has announced its plans to hike up the prices of coffee and other drinks by an average of 1.9 percent, about five cents per drink. This increase will begin on Oct. 3 at all Starbucks in the United States and Canada. This is the first increase in two years.

Hospital overdoses three babies

Three babies died in an Indianapolis hospital due to an overdose on blood-thinner adminis-

tered by nurses. The nurses didn't realize the pharmacy technician had accidentally stocked a dose 1,000 times stronger than the appropriate dose.

Tanning cream allows tan with no cancer

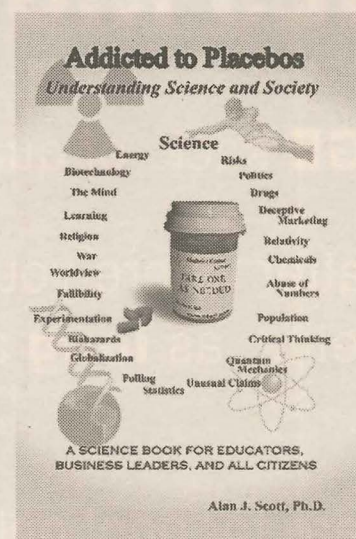
A cream has been tested in Boston that wards off skin cancer but leaves a sunless tan. When applying the cream, it alters skin pigmentation similar to a suntan from the natural sun and leaves a golden tan. So far, there have been no dangerous side effects. It has also been proven to protect the skin from melanoma.

What on Mars?

The Mars Land Rover has completed its biggest goal: to return photos of Victoria Crater at Meridiani Planum on Mars. It ended up taking the rover twenty months to reach its destination. The pictures showed rugged walls with layers of exposed rock. The floor is believed to be blanketed with dunes.

The pictures will give researchers information about the environmental conditions and a view into the history of Mars. Scientists are using these pictures in hopes to plan an even more extensive study of Mars.

Book/ scientific claims



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legitimacy," said Scott. Scott collected the data and evidence for his book from a mixture of newspapers and science journals.

"Let's just say that the majority of my summer I spent reading," said Scott. "I go into a lot of things that I think are on people's minds."

Some of Scott's motivation in preparing this book came from his deep belief that "if it is not measurable, it's not science."

The book's first chapter discusses the profoundness of science in relation to human life. Other chapters explore things

like psycho-addictive drugs; deceptive marketing and risk analysis; statistics and their use and abuse in special interest surveys; the current state of science literacy; the debate of science versus religion; and he introduces controversial topics such as America becoming a hydrogen economy, globalization, war and nuclear weapons.

Scott's book is indeed controversial. "In just about every chapter I upset at least one special interest group," said Scott.

Scattered throughout each chapter are student challenges that aim to direct readers into critical thinking to evaluate a previously or currently debated science issue. There are a total of 23 student challenges. The student challenges make the book very effective as a teaching device.

"If a teacher wanted to use this book as a textbook, they could assign the challenges," said Scott. "I have also written a solution manual to supplement the book with possible solutions to the problems, but of course answers are always debatable."

Reviews of Scott's book describe the content as "a science book for our times." Scott says he "wrote this book believing that science can enlighten our existence, and that's its main focus."

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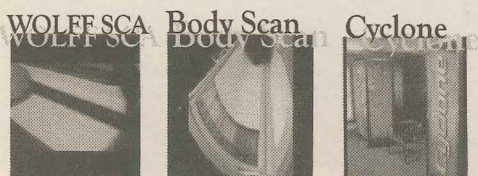
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The search for the Golden W has begun. Online bookstore WOWIO, which enables readers to download e-books free of charge, and major sponsor Verizon Wireless, are offering 20 \$2,000 scholarships to college students across the United States.

Participants have until Dec. 31, 2006 to identify the randomly placed Golden W icon in a WOWIO e-book advertisement and collect the prize. WOWIO and Verizon Wireless will also give away 2,000 T-shirts as part

of the contest. Beginning today at Georgetown University and George Washington University in Washington, D.C., WOWIO-brand ambassadors will be visiting campuses throughout the Mid-Atlantic region to promote the sweepstakes.

The Golden W scholarship contest is also featured on Facebook, the online directory that connects 6.2 million college and university students nationwide. The sweepstakes will also be promoted virally among the student populations via blogs,

e-mail, instant messaging and word of mouth.

The contest is open to WOWIO account holders who are registered full- or part-time at any accredited U.S. college or university. Students receiving a Golden W in a downloaded e-book advertisement will be directed to a login screen.

The contestant will then be required to enter their WOWIO user name and password to verify that the winner and e-book recipient are one in the same. The account holder will be certified

a winner once a match has been established.

Launched in August, WOWIO offers classic books such as "Wuthering Heights" and "Frankenstein," fiction and non-fiction paragons like "High Sierra" and "The Prince," graphic novels including the tenth "Muse" series and scores of comic book titles among more than 400 currently available literary works.

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—The Stoutonia Staff

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Staff Editorial

The Stoutonia Staff

It would seem that in Menomonie, Wis., there are really only two seasons in the year: winter and construction season.

The headache-inducing ambience constantly cluttering the air, the orange 'danger' tape suddenly materializing right in front of your everyday route to class and the downright awful timeliness of the campus construction crew are probably things that have affected almost

everyone at some point in time, if not several.

In the place of mature trees that once provided beauty and shade near the library now lie vast and empty holes of dirt. And for what? The construction is apparently part of the recent Campus Physical Development plan, which you may have read about on the front page.

Although this project may have its upsides, such as enhanced electrical power in the Home Economics building and reestablished residence halls, the annoyances are overpowering in comparison. One of the biggest disappointments concerning this massive geological update is that the work isn't predicted to end until the year 2013 and practically none of the current students will be here to see the end results.

Some of these things may be necessary, but they sure are a nuisance. The orange fencing lining the campus in seemingly ran-

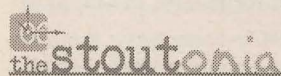


dom and frequently used locales is probably one of the most notable examples. It is almost as if the construction crew has observed, tested and surveyed the most common transportation routes of

students and plated fences specifically in those locations. The smells are also anything but attractive and also somewhat reminiscent of paint thinner.

Why the construction

crews refrained from working on these areas over the summer is a mystery to all of us, but as a result it is something we now have to live with, and it probably won't end anytime soon.



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Early morning chainsaws

Words can't express how uncool those are, but I'll try



Matt Schubbe

Columnist

Earlier this week, Monday morning to be precise, I was enjoying a dream I was having about my having the superpower of prophetic dreams. Kind of a dream inside of a dream, if you will.

I was just about to reveal my new-found powers to my stunned friends, when out of the blue I hear a loud "WEEEEEE-AAAAARRRRRRRRRR" through my open window. I awoke with a start and a considerable amount of annoyance to hear what sounded very much like a chainsaw. Puzzling as that was, it also happened to be seven o'clock in the morning.

After shutting the window, and before I drifted off again into my deep subconscious, I contemplated the interesting scenario that had caused my awakening. Who could be running a chainsaw at this hour? And why?

I mean, chainsaws are nice and all. They're good for cutting things and they make any good movie into a great movie; for example, "Evil Dead," "Texas Chainsaw Massacre," and... ummmm... "The Adventures of Pluto Nash." I think

there was a chainsaw reference somewhere in that movie, but I may be paraphrasing.

At any rate, despite the overall coolness and machismo exuded by chainsaws (and to a lesser extent chainsaw wielders) it was still SEVEN O'CLOCK in the MORNING! Who needs to be cutting anything that requires that much power at that early of an hour? Aside from Ash Williams, of course.

The only excusable situation I can come up with is if one happened to be caught in a bear trap and had to either eat his/her own leg clean through or wake a few people up by breaking the trap apart with a chainsaw. But I doubt anyone is keeping any loaded bear traps anywhere near the UW-Stout campus, unless enrollment is low again.

But that still doesn't solve my mystery. Who was using a chainsaw, and for what purpose? To be honest I don't think I'll ever know. Judging by how sound can bounce in between the dorm buildings so easily, the person could have been all the way down by the football stadium for all I know. Maybe someone was cutting down a goal post?

Besides, I was so groggy at the time that I may very well have been hearing things the entire time. All I can say is that I sincerely hope that it happens again, so that I can avoid putting myself into a "boy who cried wolf" scenario. Boy who cried chainsaw?

Read about the platypus

Because I can't think of anything else to write about



Sam Schuna

Opinions Editor

Seriously dude, what the crap is up with the duck-billed platypus? I mean seriously, what the hell was Mother Nature thinking? Or did she just get completely inebriated one night and thought it seemed like a good idea at the time?

I would imagine that if the platypus was a kid in middle school with all the rest of the animal kingdom, it would be the one that would get made fun of everyday, depantsed and beat up in the hallways when no teachers were around. And then after college when all the animals were grown up and mature and trying to make something of themselves, the platypus would be like the CEO of the company the rest of the animals would work for. Either that or a rocket scientist or something. My point is it would be awesome.

In all seriousness, though, this mammal is truly one of the most amazing and mind-blowing creatures in the universe. That's right: the UNIVERSE. It is often considered a freak among the other animals, but truthfully this animal is much greater than just a freak. It's a Super Freak. So join me, my brethren, in partaking of this

wonderful journey into the world of the platypus.

For example, did you know there is no real agreed-upon plural of platypus? Scholars have argued back and forth, conducting research and tests to decide upon a proper title, but so far they have reached no consensus. Several accepted usages, however, include 'platypuses', 'platypi' and 'platypodes'.

Also, did you know that male platypodes are actually poisonous? Holy dooly! It's the truth; the males sport smallish spurs behind their legs that can generate enough venom to lethally inject a small dingo. That's some pretty crazy shizzle right there, if you ask me.

Platypodes are also members of the monotreme class, the only mammals on the planet Earth that lay eggs. Wowee! Put that in your pipe and smoke it! Along with being a monotreme, they are also one of the only mammals on earth to be able to use electrolocation and electroreception—that is, the ability to detect other animals around them by the electricity their bodies generate.

Holy crap! I know it is amazing and your minds are probably completely blown from this crazy stuff, but I speak the truth, friends.

Oh yeah. I should probably mention on an unrelated note that everything I ever learned about anything I learned from Wikipedia. Who needs classes anyway?

letters to the editor

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. Domestic violence affects everyone, even if you are not in an abusive relationship, most likely you have a relative or a friend whose lives have been damaged by violence. These victims are our sisters, our brothers, our mothers, our neighbors. These victims are us. Although not everyone who becomes abusive was abused or witnessed abuse as a child, the likeliness of children who were exposed to brutal behavior carrying on the cycle of violence is profound. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to speak with Gloria Steinem on September 26 when she was presenting in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. I asked her for her input on domestic violence and what message we can get out in our communities to raise awareness of the problem. She said that domestic violence should be renamed "original violence" because it is the root of most of the carnage in the world. Many world tyrants have been shown to have been abused as children.

As I read the news lately, domestic violence screams in the headlines. In Somerset, Wisconsin Sue Weiland, a young woman known for helping others was violently murdered. Peter Whyte, a man who she had tried to escape from a historically abusive relationship with, is the alleged attacker who stole her precious life. In Lakeland, Minnesota Teri Lee and her friend were murdered by her abusive ex-boyfriend, Steven Van Keuren, when he broke into her

home while she and her family slept, despite a protective order that she had to keep him away from her and her children. He had tried to kill her before, but was allowed to get out of jail. Clearly the system failed her.

In Glendale, Colorado Luz Maria Franco Fierros was ferociously dragged to her death, tied up behind a car, by her live-in boyfriend Jose Luis Rubi-Nava. And in a battered women's shelter in Sylva, North Carolina, where Bonnie Woodring went for help with her son, her husband and abuser, John Woodring, broke into the safe house and shot her to death. Just days before he had tried to strangle her, but had avoided being arrested. Another life lost to a system that needs to be strengthened in order to save more lives.

According to the American Institute on Domestic Violence, \$5.8 billion in costs are incurred for health-related costs of rape, physical assault, stalking and homicide by intimate partners each year. This is everyone's problem. 5.3 million women are abused each year. 1,232 women are killed by a spouse or boyfriend. Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women. (www.aidsv-usa.com). The local shelters need more support from the police, politicians and the community. We need to teach non-violence in our homes and teach our children how to be in loving, respectful relationships. We must not turn a blind eye to this.

Liz Jones
Woodville, Wisc.

Ninja turtles—so awesome

Theresa Radtke
Columnist

The 1990 hit film "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" came out with a fearsome foursome, Raphael, Michelangelo, Donatello and Leonardo and their ninja mystical master Splinter.

The first of three wonderful movies had these green dudes walking, or rather crawling, the sewers and fighting off crime. How much more awesome can turtles get?

Ninja turtles are awesome because of three reasons. The first reason is because they are ninjas. Ninjas are powerful crime fighting machines. Well, not intended to be crime fighters,

more protectors of their masters. In the United States ninjas are people who wear black masks and fight the bad guys. This makes them cool because they stand for justice, truth and bravery. Now, say, add an animal to the profile and what do we do? We add turtles, the slowest and most non-harmful creature of the pond.

Reason two, the ninja turtles have a rat for a master. He is not just an ordinary rat, though!

He is amazing; he watched his own master and copied his moves in his cage even before any green ooze was spilled on him.

Rats are usually stereotyped in the United States as gross pets,

so this animal choice was a little unexpected but turned out to be great. Plus, he uses the teenager's catch phrases like cowabunga, and that is just funny.

Finally, reason number three; so we know they are already awesome because they are ninja turtles, and they have a rat for a master.

The triple threat is that they can be great role models for college students. Think about it: all they eat is pizza, and they've got a hot babe, April O'Neil, who actually likes them. Pizza is an essential food group, and pretty girls are the bomb to hang out with. Plus April is a reporter, and from a newspaper writer's sight, that is awesome.

... Or are they? (Counterpoint)

Kyle Kingston
Editor-in-Chief

Who could have known in 1984, when the heroes in the half-shell made their inauspicious debut in a cheaply printed black and white comic, that the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles would make such an indelible impression on popular culture?

Certainly not their creators, Kevin Eastman and Peter Laird, who originally intended the adolescent ninjas as a parody of gritty '80s comics like "Daredevil" and "The New Mutants."

But there's no denying that the annoying anthropomorphic reptiles ruled the world for a while, in all available venues: comics, cartoon shows, movies, clothes and even food. In

the end, it might be easier to list the things that didn't carry the turtles' likenesses.

Normally, I'd try to analyze the turtles' awesomeness (or lack thereof) in a coherent, logical way. This is, after all, supposed to be a rational counterpoint. But it is now 3:30 a.m. and I've got a class in less than five hours.

So... random thoughts on the turtles. Let's go.

The third Ninja Turtles movie was a piece of crap. Being quite young when it came out, I think it may be the earliest instance in which I can recall while watching a movie and thinking, "Wow, this really sucks." Notice how long it's taken the franchise to bounce back: the new Ninja Turtles movie (a computer animated thing called "TMNT")

is slated for release in March of next year.

The animated show does not age well. Try watching it sometime and you'll see why. Animation is terrible and the stories are so awful that you won't be able to make it through a full 30 minutes. Yes, I loved the show when I was a kid, too. That's because (like you) I was really dumb as a child. Really, really dumb. There was an episode about exploding cufflinks and a giant vat of taffy for God's sake.

April O'Neil looked awful in yellow and was frequently a very useless character.

Two words: Vanilla Ice.

And before I forget: Michelangelo was annoying. I know he's your favorite, but come on. Raphael was way cooler.

From the producers of Snakes on a Plane, comes this winter's blockbuster hit. Starring Samuel L. Jackson and many unknown people. This winter prepare yourself for...

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"Watch my movies... you'll laugh, and yes I hope they die!"



MSC to evaluate feedback; changes planned

By Jenny Stabenow
Campus Writer

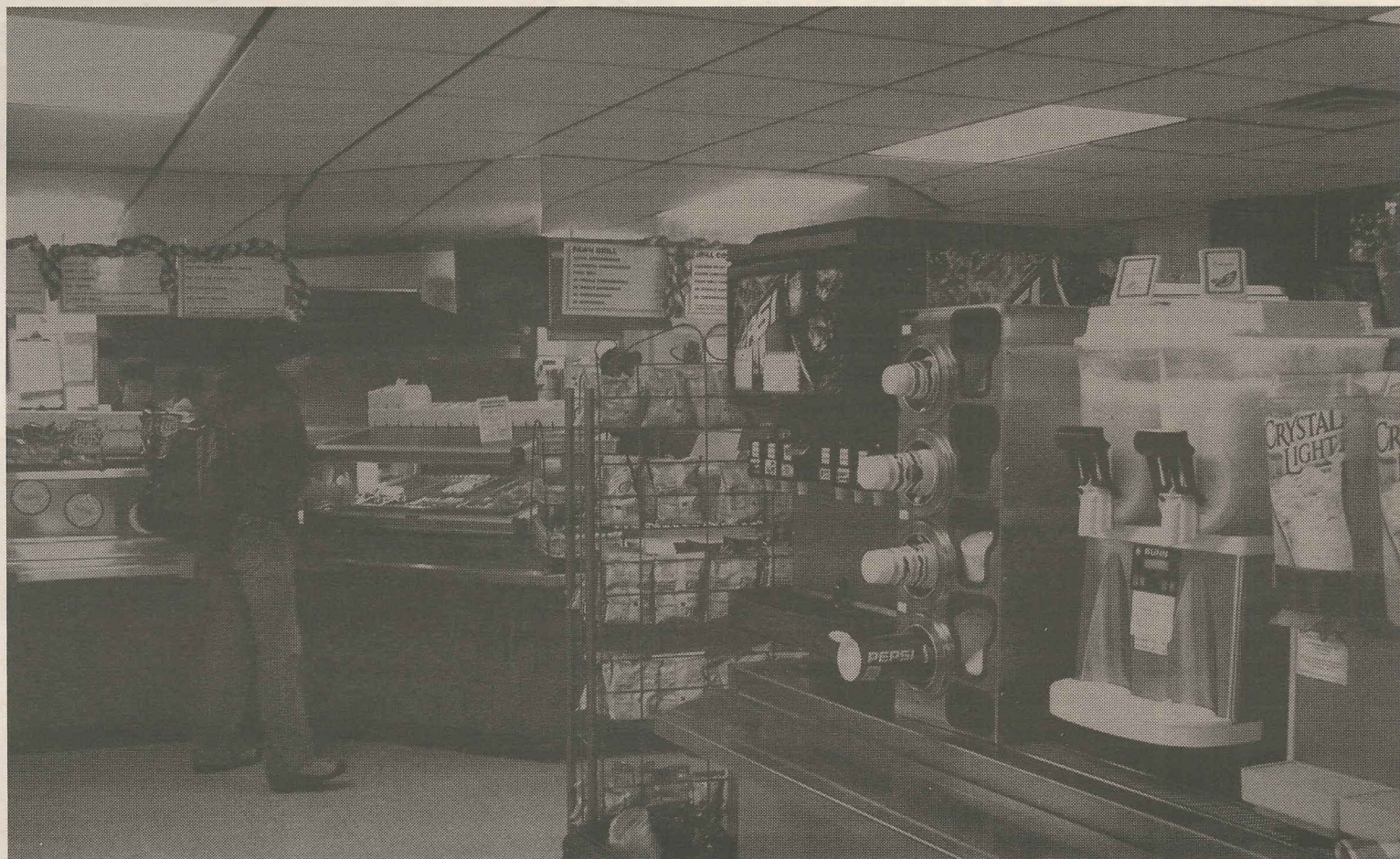
The Memorial Student Center and Merle Price Commons of the University of Wisconsin-Stout asked the Brailsford and Dunlavey Planning Company, from Washington, D.C., to conduct a survey on the MSC and M. Price Commons. The goal was to re-evaluate the two centers to improve them in the future. The initial survey was done in June 2006. They are now asking for student feedback.

The survey asked how many times per week students attend the MSC. The results were as follows: 3 percent never go, 17 percent go less than one time per week, 13 percent go once a week, 45 percent go two to four times per week and 22 percent visit five times per week or more.

The results from the faculty and staff were similar. Four percent never visit, 33 percent visit once per week or less, 13 percent visit once a week, 30 percent visit two to four times per week, and 18 percent visit five or more times per week.

According to the survey, the main reason stated for not going to the MSC was because they didn't have time. Other reasons included the location was not entirely convenient and there is a lack of parking nearby. Another complaint was the minimal variety of services.

Results from the M. Price Commons survey were almost identical. The first priority of students was the grab-and-go services and the food court. Students also asked for a larger variety and better quality of food.



Jason Harsh/Stoutonia

Results from the Memorial Student Center and Merle Price Commons surveys have been analyzed and published. The University is now seeking feedback from students concerning the survey and are adjusting plans for improvement accordingly.

The reason students don't like to eat at the M. Price Commons was because of its inconvenient location.

Also, the hours of operation didn't fit their schedules and their friends didn't eat there.

Improvement possibilities were asked as well. Students and staff replied by recommending shaded patios and outdoor seating areas. Other suggestions were: more meeting rooms, a better service desk and a convenience store. They also suggested putting in internet access

workstations. The University is asking for input to make this successful for the future of our campus. Send feedback to

studentcenter@uwstout.edu by Oct. 12. To learn more about the survey results, visit the Memorial Student Center Web site at

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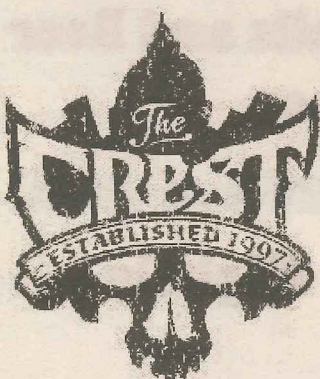
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In answer to the mounting increase in global warming, MTV and GE have created the Ecomagination Challenge, a competition that asks college students from around the country to develop new, creative ways to green their campus.

The competition is looking for innovative and groundbreaking ideas that can have a positive impact at the local and global level. The sky is the limit, literally.

"As a smaller university we have more flexibility and agility to accomplish the goals of this challenge," said junior Jordan Chabalowski, president of the Stout Student Association and member of Greensense. "Due to the actual size, and our unique range of programs, we have the ideal talent pool to accomplish something revolutionary. Uni-

versity of Wisconsin-Stout has always been a pioneering university when it comes to 'getting with the times,' and gearing up for the future. What we need is you, all of you, to become involved with the challenge."

A panel of expert judges from MTV and GE will select ten finalists in the challenge based on three criteria: ecology, economics and imagination.

The winning university will be awarded a \$25,000 grant to initiate the proposed project.

In addition to the grant the winning school will also receive a free MTV concert.

Creativity is valued above all in the competition. In addition to the official application, contest applicants are encouraged to send in something to showcase the creativity of their proposal, such as videos or photos.

The more visual the presentation of the idea, the great-

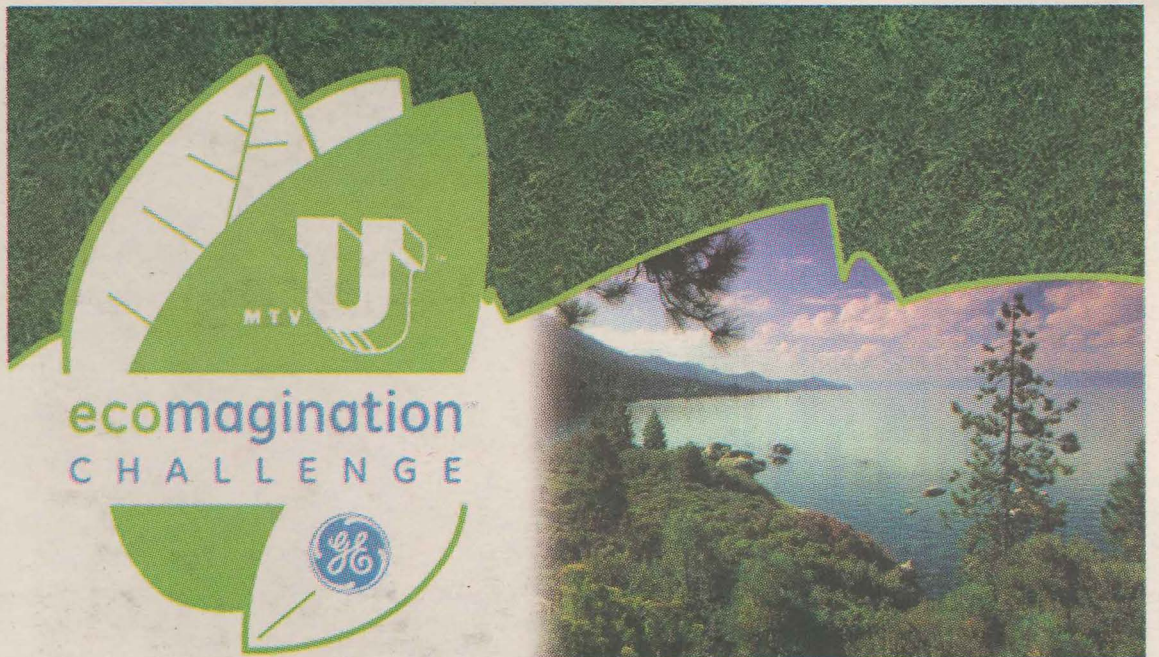


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The Ecomagination Challenge is giving UW-Stout students the opportunity to utilize their creativity and resourcefulness with the opportunity to beautify the campus.

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—The Stoutonia Staff

Future fashion designers to get sneak peek of Stout

By Tracy Considine
News Editor

The University of Wisconsin-Stout's apparel design and development program is hosting their annual Visions Conference in the Great Hall of the Memorial Student Center on Oct. 25.

The conference is intended for middle school and high school students wishing to pursue a career in apparel design and other careers in the fashion and design industry. School staff and parents of students are also welcome to attend.

Cost of the conference is \$15, and the registration deadline is Oct. 13, forms for which can be found in PDF form on the UW-Stout Web site.

The fee includes refresh-

ments, lunch, conference materials and the opportunity to hear many speakers.

The conference kicks off with a career fair featuring representatives of Midwest apparel organizations. Other apparel program activities and projects will be available for participants.

Various speakers from Women's Career Wear will discuss their career choices in apparel design and development during the morning hours of the conference.

Gindy Neidermyer, the program director, will also give her presentation.

During lunch there will be a live fashion show that will highlight work done by UW-Stout student designers.

This will include an inter-

active showcase of work with feedback given by participants of the conference.

Those who attend will have an opportunity to judge with

"You Be The Judge" and rate their favorite designs made by UW-Stout students. Designs done by students will be in the form of portfolio pages, design

boards and garments. Participants will have the opportunity to speak with current apparel design students to ask questions and receive feedback.

Going the extra MILES

By Tracy Considine
News Editor

The sixth annual MILES Conference is being held at the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus in the Memorial Student Center. MILES stands for Motivating Individual Leadership and Excellence at Stout. The conference is intentionally scheduled to be a great way to prepare for the Career Conference (Oct. 3, 4 and 5) and get a leg up on possible job openings.

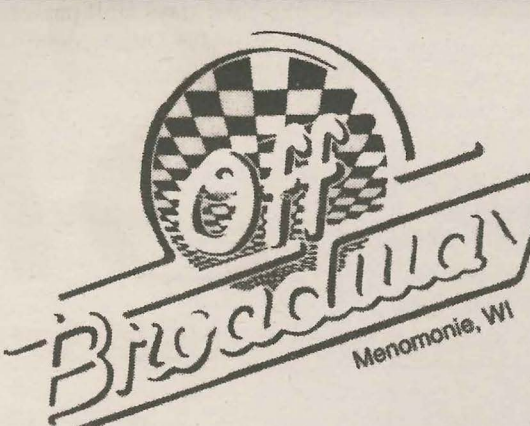
The MILES Conference will be conducted on Sept. 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. No walk-ins will be allowed into the conference. Tickets are \$20 for students and \$30 for non-students. Tickets can be purchased at the Service Center until Tuesday, Sept. 26 or by credit card by calling (715) 232-1122. The fee will cover lunch, all the presentations and a

free jump drive to assist in keeping resume and work-related items in order.

Guest speakers' presentations will concern the transition between college and the workforce, a topic worth looking into for any college student. Speaker Calvin Stovall will present "Be the Man—no Y chromosome required" and "Top-ten tips for successful workplace relationships." Stovall is CEO and president of Professional Advantage Inc., which is based out of the Twin Cities.

There will be a number of other presentations on ethics in education, appreciation for diversity, being a quality employee, leadership development and communication skills.

The conference will wrap up with a panel of UW-Stout alumni hosting a question and answer session.



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Friday, Sept. 29

> Anne Deming, Mabel Tainter Theater, 7 p.m., \$14

Saturday, Sept. 30

> Jeff Ray, Acoustic Cafe, 8 p.m., Free.

> Trampled by Turtles, Huffs, 8 p.m., \$3 students, \$5 public

Tuesday, Oct. 3

> Open Mic, Acoustic Cafe, 8 p.m., Free

Thursday, Oct. 5

> Pimp Your Crib, The Buck, 9 p.m., Free

> Mighty Short Bus, Huffs, 8 p.m., Free

> Paint in Red, Waterfront, 9 p.m., Free

Friday, Oct. 6

> Doc's Kids, Acoustic Cafe, 8 p.m., Free

> Jagerettes, Badabingz, 11 p.m., Free

> Tim Sparks + Phil Heywood, Mabel Tainter Theater, 7 p.m., \$14

Saturday, Oct. 7

> Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest, Applied Arts 210, 7 p.m., Free

> Randy Sabien - "A Tribute to Stephane Grappelli," Mabel Tainter Theater, 7 p.m., \$16

> Derek...From Hooch, Acoustic Cafe, 8 p.m., Free

Friday, Oct. 13

> MTG Brighton Beach Memoirs, Mabel Tainter Theater, 7 p.m., \$12

Saturday, Oct. 14

> Cartoons and cocktails, Badabingz, 8 a.m.

> Homecoming Parade

> Tracy Lea Candis, Acoustic Cafe, 8 p.m., Free

Thursday, Oct. 19

> Matk Story, Badabingz, 10 p.m., Free

Friday, Oct. 20

> Frozen Tundra, Badabingz, 10 p.m., Free

Saturday, Oct. 21

> Dr. McGillicuddy's Party, Bababingz

> Travis and Johnny, Acoustic Cafe, 8 p.m., Free

Innovative folk group returns



Source: www.trampledbyturtles.com
Trampled by Turtles returns to UW-Stout to entertain students with non-traditional bluegrass/folk music.

By Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

Trampled by Turtles (TBT), an alternative folk band from Duluth, Minn. will be playing on campus Saturday courtesy of Blue Devil Productions.

The band features the fiddle, acoustic guitar, a mandolin and a twangy-voiced lead singer much in the style of the band's non-traditional bluegrass/folk roots.

They deliver high-energy and entertaining performances. In a few concerts, the young son of one of the band members danced around on the stage dressed in a turtle costume.

Since releasing their debut album in 2004, "Songs from a Ghost Town," the band has toured with bluegrass artists Langhorne Slim and Luceral.

TBT relates to an audience of collective tastes because it gets its roots from a wide variety of genres and bands including Nirvana, Bob Dylan, Bill Monroe and the Stanley Brothers. The band jokingly says they are

influenced by "whatever MTV says is cool."

"Live at Luce" is the band's third album release and highlights their live show songs, ranging from their take on Dylan's "Outlaw Blues" to the rowdy originals "Codeine" and "Silver and Gold."

The Duluth band is returning to the region after a tour around the country. After playing at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, the band will perform at various locales including Milwaukee, Minneapolis and River Falls.

Then the tour will take on Colorado, Utah, California and Texas with the headliner band Cracker, an alternative rock band best known for their hit songs "Low" and "Teen Angst (What the World Needs Now)."

The event, sponsored by Blue Devil Productions, will be held in Huffs at 8 p.m. and is \$3 to UW-Stout students.

A new music video and streaming song samples can be found on the band's Web site, www.trampledbyturtles.com

"American Idol" ain't got nothin' on Menomonie talent

By Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

Pioneer Grill and Saloon will be hosting a twist on the popular reality TV show "American Idol" this Saturday. The event will be \$5 at the door.

This annual event, by the name of Menomonie Idol, is in its third year. It begins at 12:30 p.m. and ends at 7 p.m.

Registration for the event will begin at 11 a.m.

It will mimic the show in that there will be contestants taking the stage, vying for first place with their voice talent.

Last year there were twenty contestants, and there is a possibility of having thirty entrants this year. Contestants are broken up into groups of seven or eight, and every contestant will sing two songs on stage for the contest.

First place contenders in each group advance to the finals which will be the same day after every group has had a chance to show their vocal skills.

While Menomonie Idol is mirrored after "American Idol," this Saturday's event offers more entertainment than the TV show: Psychic Tiffany from the radio station Z100 will be there before the singing contests begin to give readings to those interested.

There will be door prizes, raffles and a silent auction. Raffle prizes include, but are

not limited to, a 32-inch color TV, free hotel stays, golf passes to Pinewood and the Country Club, gift certificates from local food vendors.

Those who participate in the silent auction have a chance to win an original piece of jewelry from Bob Geede, a local jewelry artist, and framed prints from Kado Galleries.

Menomonie Idol is an annual fundraiser event sponsored by Positive Alternatives, a non-profit organization that focuses on working with at-risk youth and families.

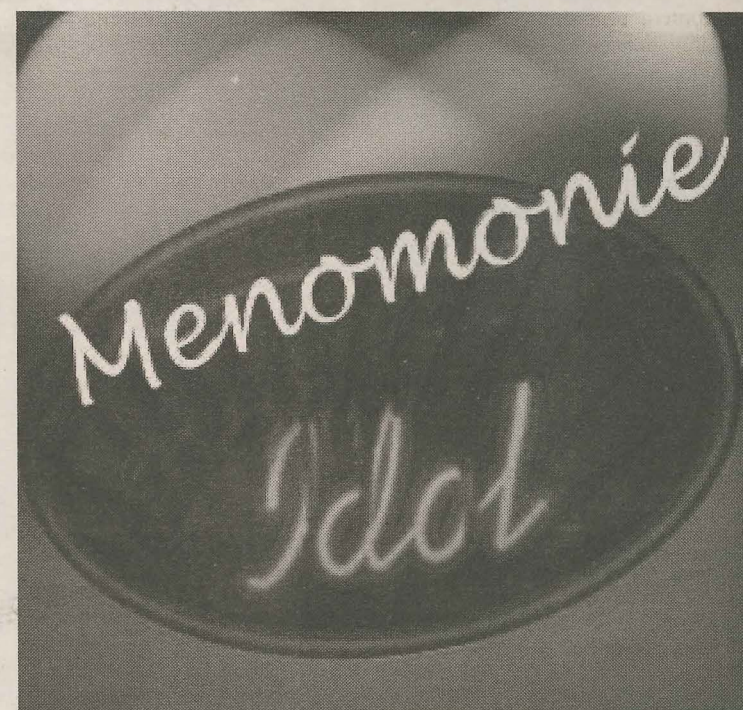
All proceeds from the event will go to the programs that Positive Alternatives offers, including a 24-hour crisis hotline for teens, shelter services for run-away or pushed-out youth, the Dunn County school mentoring program, and community education.

"Although Menomonie Idol will be held at Pioneer Grill and Saloon, it is very much a family event" said Kim Edwards, the executive director of Positive Alternatives.

"Anyone can come out to watch and have fun. It's a great time and it raises money for a really good cause."

"[Menomonie Idol] is very much a family event"

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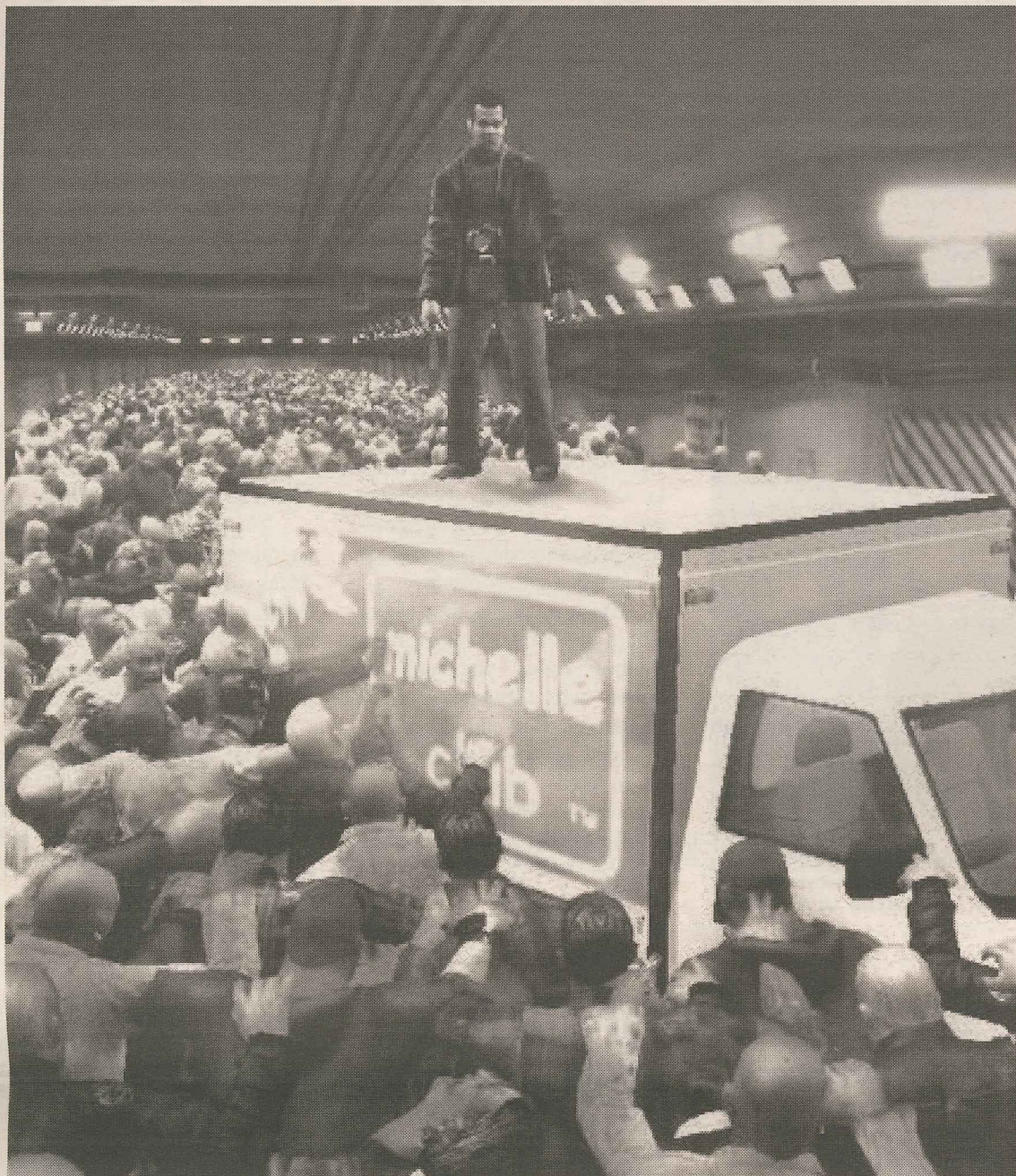
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Killing zombies is pretty much the best thing ever



Frank West, photographer turned hero, prepares to take on the undead horde in Capcom's "Dead Rising," released earlier this year.

Source: <http://www.freewebs.com/xbox360info4u/>

Ellen Schuetz

Entertainment Writer

In the zombie game "Dead Rising," the main character is Frank West, a photographer trapped in the mall. He travels by helicopter to the small Midwestern town of Willamette to get the scoop on why the town has been quarantined. By the time he arrives, the town has been mostly closed off and the military is moving in to investigate the situation.

Unlike other zombie genre games, like "Resident Evil," this game offers very different gameplay. Once again the character is alone, and for some reason there are endless waves of zombies. But this time he is always armed with a different weapon. When he is fighting for his life he can grab anything that's lying around. The mall provides the perfect environment for unlimited weapons.

West can plow through some zombies with an umbrella or grab his favorite skull-bashing tool from the hardware store. He can even go bowling for zombies, with perfect form and stance.

During his travels he encounters many different people in the mall. Some of them might team up with him to fight against

the zombies, but others seem a lot less cooperative.

When he tries to get some weapons or even medicine to help the injured, some shopkeepers refuse. They're so committed to keeping their store free of vandalism that they're willing to kill to keep him out.

Most people West meets in the mall offer him what little information they know about the situation to help move the storyline of the game along.

This game is about survival. West wants to stay alive and so do the others that haven't

yet become zombies.

Everyone is going to the extreme to live. This game can provide hours of zombie-killing fun, but it also has the potential to scare with zombies popping out when least expected. Humans around the mall can't even be trusted. West must always be on guard.

One of the drawbacks to the game is that it is available solely on the Xbox 360. It is marketed as such, so it looks like it will remain only available for that console. For those who have the system, get ready to wreak havoc. The rest will have to wait for the next zombie game.

For more information on the game check out the web site at <http://ww2.capcom.com/dead-rising>.

Politically-charged novel challenges the boundaries of conventional views

Jenna Wojan

Entertainment Writer

Joey Comeau, the Canadian author of "Lockpick Pornography" (2005) and creator of "A Softer World" Web comics, recalls one Christmas party where everyone received a present from Santa Claus, and he got a Barbie from Santa because he had never seen a lit-

tle boy with long hair before. "There you go, Princess," Santa told him.

"Lockpick Pornography" is about a fictitious homo-erotic anarchist hero who struggles with his sexual identity and gender roles.

He gets so worked up with society's standards pertaining to beauty, homosexuality and genders that he

comes up with a radical idea: dress up as innocent and pretentious gay cartoon characters and break into schools and heterosexual households, destroying their TVs and distributing gay literature in the form of children's books.

Comeau's novel is a politically-charged adventure written with humor, vulgarity and "cover-your-kid's-eyes" sex and violence.

The hero, whose name is never mentioned in the book, decides to hit the suburbs with a prophetic punch in the face.

The unnamed hero says, "The education of children is too important to leave in the hands of their parents."

"Kids aren't old enough to decide what to read for themselves...I mean children are the future, and the more

of them who grow up free of bigotry, the more of them who are exposed to queer concepts, the better."

It's a wake up call.

After publishing the first seven chapters of "Lockpick Pornography" online, Comeau asked for donations to finish the book and his schooling.

A large portion of the novel is currently free, but the book must be purchased in order to read the final three chapters. The book will be most interesting to those who like to see society's standards blown to bits and reconstructed through prank calls and polaroids.

For more information about Comeau's novel visit www.asofterworld.com.

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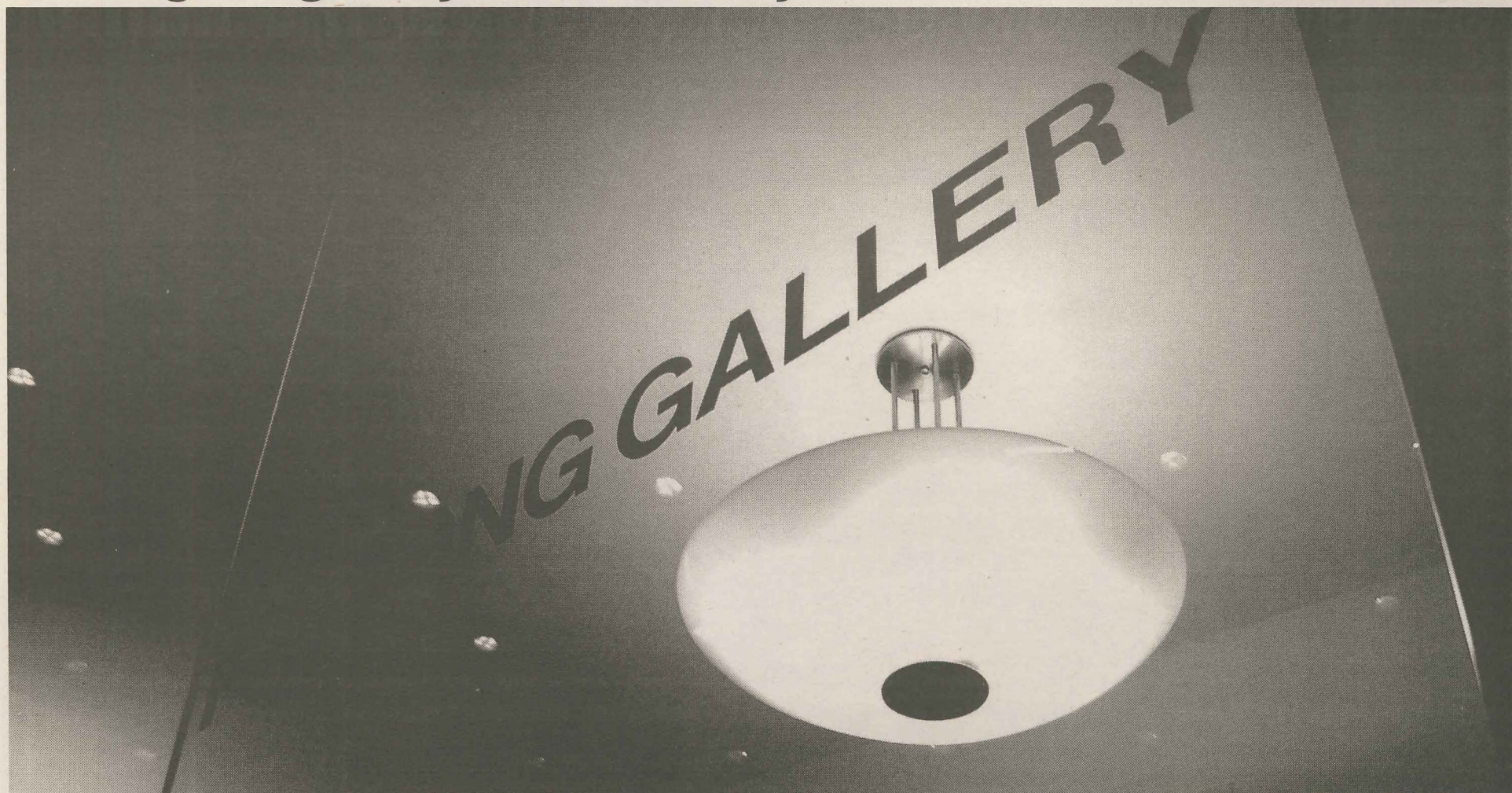
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Furlong art gallery hosts faculty art exhibition for students



Drew Retherford/Stoutonia

The Furlong Art Gallery, located on the first floor of Applied Arts, will aid students with their new exhibition, "Northern Exposure." The exhibition features UW-Stout's art and design department faculty members' work now through Oct. 4. Faculty display their prints, metalwork, multimedia, sculptures and paintings. It is part of an exchange with the University of St. Louisville, Kentucky, Department of Art Faculty Exhibition, which will be on display Oct. 12 through Nov. 17. Students are welcome to view the artwork Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fantasy film not a "sleeper"

Students can relate to topsy-turvy film

Chris Moellering
Entertainment Writer

Does your imagination ever take over your real life? Does your job bore you to death as your co-workers drive you nuts? Does the guy or girl who lives next door or sits next to you in class make you choke up and stumble over your words?

If any of this sounds familiar, check out the movie "The Science of Sleep," which hit theaters Sept. 22 in select cities. No official nationwide release date has yet been set.

"The Science of Sleep" is a whimsical romantic fantasy about a young man named Stephane Miroux. Stephane has a problem separating his real life from the fantasy world he lives in during his dreams.

While awake, Miroux has a boring job at a calendar publishing company. His boss doesn't care for any of his inappropriate calendar designs, which consist of earthquakes and plane crashes.

Miroux is unappreciated in real life, so he escapes into his fantasy world in which he is the host of his own television show

titled "Stephane TV." The set of his show is crafted out of cardboard boxes, egg cartons and a shower curtain.

While bouncing from reality to fantasy, Miroux falls in love with the girl who lives across the hall but can't get her to respond, so he searches for the answers in his dreams.

Michel Gondry, who also wrote and directed the award-winning "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind", created this topsy-turvy film.

The cast consists primarily of French and Hispanic actors and actresses. Gael Garcia Bernal, who won a Silver Ariel Award (Mexico's Oscar), plays the lead role of Stephane Miroux.

Bernal also starred in "The Motorcycle Diaries" where he played a young Che Guevara. He is best known for his lead role in "Amores Perros," which was nominated for an Academy Award for best foreign language film.

For more information and a closer look at "The Science of Sleep," check out the fully interactive Web site at <http://wip.warnerbros.com/scienceofsleep>.

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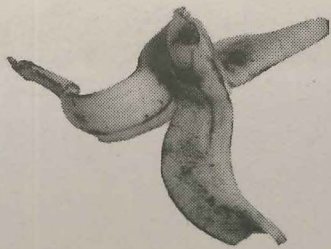
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Minneapolis indie-pop band makes audiences think



Drew Retherford/Stoutonia

White Light Riot, who will be playing on campus today, offers listeners inspired and vibrant songs with memorable choruses. Accompanying WLR is the band This World Fair.

Chris Moellering
Entertainment Writer

On Thursday Sept. 28, Blue Devil Productions will be hosting a night of indie-pop-rock fun.

Starting at 8 p.m. the bands White Light Riot and This World Fair will be playing in the Rec Center, located in the Memorial Student Center.

White Light Riot is an up-and-coming dance-rock band from Minneapolis, Minn. Their songs are melodic and catchy and can be compared to The Killers and Muse. Their sound is influenced by Radiohead, The Cure, The Beatles, The Doors and Led Zeppelin.

The band's first album, "The Dark is Light Enough," features original songs that show the talent of this young band. Their most popular compositions are "Out of Sight" and "Illusions."

The album is a collective effort between the band and producer Erik Appelwick. "The Dark is Light Enough" captures

the individual energy of each of these talented young musicians.

Powerful drums and bass that set the foundation, together with distinctive vocals and interplaying guitar lines, reveal the unique contribution made by each member.

With socially aware lyrics about the human condition, White Light Riot strikes to the heart of their audience very much like Coldplay and U2.

After White Light Riot, the band This World Fair will take the stage.

Their songs are full of fresh grooves that will induce head-bobbing, dancing and contemplation. Their lyrics are poetic, powerful and easy for the audience to relate to.

This World Fair's album, "So is Death and Love," features five songs.

The song "Drama" shows the dynamics of This World Fair, with a catchy beat and self-doubting lyrics about the painful truth of relationships. Their music can be heard at www.myspace.com/thisworldfair.

More information about WLR can be found at www.myspace.com/whitelightri-otmusic.

The White Light Riot and This World Fair event will be free for UW-Stout students who present their student ID. For the

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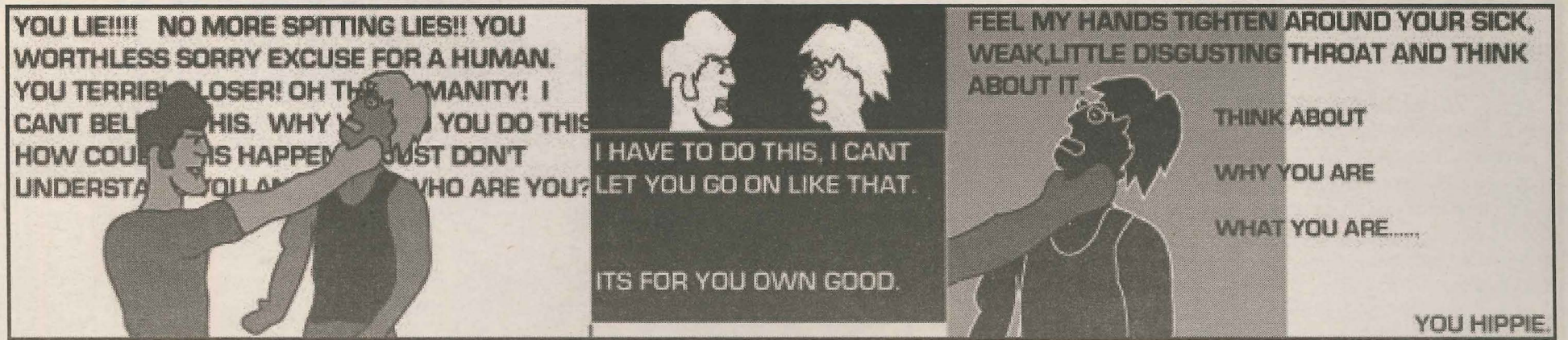
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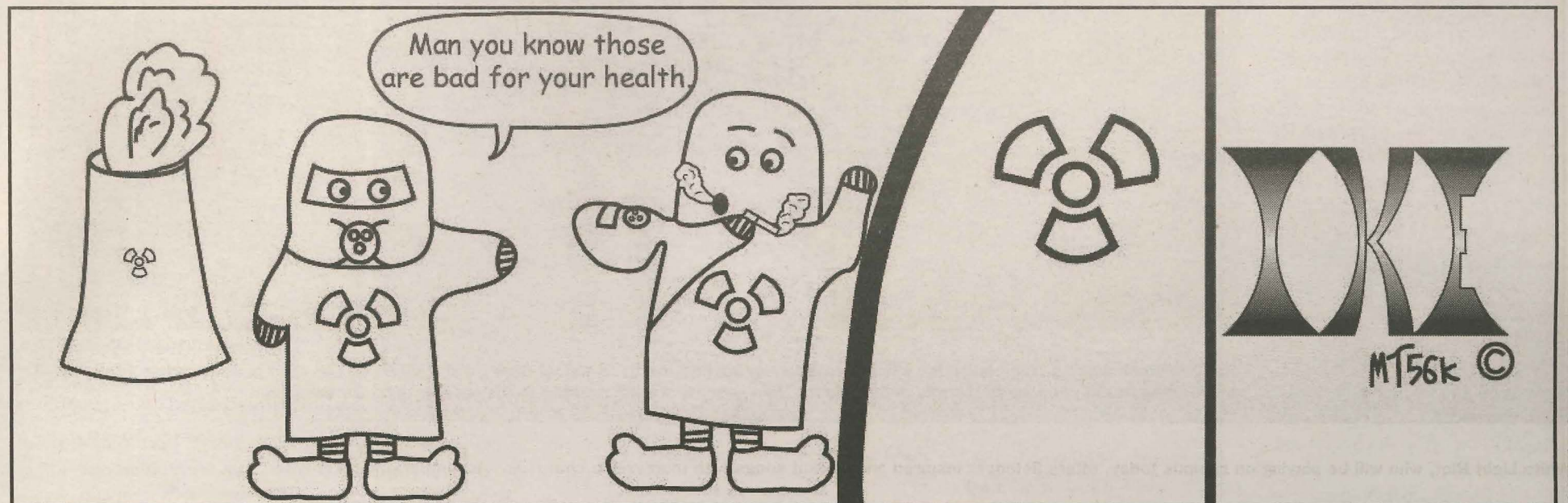
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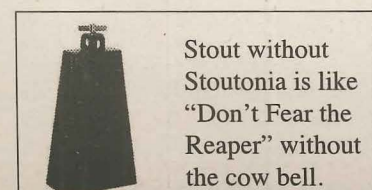
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Annual run / walk adds new competition

By Casey Nold
Sports Editor

The University of Wisconsin-Stout running club and University Recreation are co-sponsoring the third annual Blue Devil Run/Walk on Saturday, Oct. 14. The race is open to students, staff, community members and children.

This year the running club and University Rec. are adding a 10K run and Kidz Races of quarter mile, half mile mile and one mile to the usual 5K run.

Pre-registration for this event must be completed by Wednesday, Oct. 4. If this deadline is missed, prices will rise by \$5 for all areas of the race. Those who pre-register will receive a free Blue Devil Run/Walk T-shirt. Late registration T-shirts will be handed out on a first come first serve basis.

Registration can be done in three ways: at active.com; by downloading and printing the Blue Devil Run/Walk registration form and faxing or mailing it to University Rec.; or by registering in Room 41 in the Sports and Fitness Center.

The latest a person may register is 30 minutes before each race begins.



Source: UW-Stout Running Club

The UW-Stout running club and University Recreation are hosting the third annual Blue Devil Run/Walk. The race is held on Saturday, Oct. 14 and is open to the community, faculty and students. Two new events were added to the race to enhance competition.

The race begins at 9 a.m. on Oct. 14 on Third Street East between the Sports and Fitness Center and the outdoor track

Parking will be available in lot 29.

Awards will be given to the top three finishers of each race.

A portion of the proceeds will be given to Positive Alternatives.

For additional information,

please contact Lori Anda-Bowen, University Recreation director, at andabowenl@uwstout.edu.

Tennis looking for big finish in WIAC finals

By Casey Nold
Sports Editor

With six returning players and talented freshmen, the University of Wisconsin-Stout tennis team has launched into a great year with the kind of playing that has earned them six conference wins and two non-conference wins.

The team is practicing harder, and the coaches are eager to teach the girls, especially since they have taken everything they have learned so far and used it to improve their game.

"We are currently 9-3 overall and have a 2-2 record in the WIAC," said head coach Mark Noll. "Team chemistry is going really well and the work ethic of the players as well. It is fun to go to practice when you have players who want to learn and get better everyday! The players are making it a great experience for everyone."

With the help of two new assistant coaches, Mike Kneer, retiree from teaching at Boyceville High School, and Lauri Munoz,

former tennis player from Hamline University, completing her masters at UW-Stout, Noll has molded this program into something with a lot of potential.

"There is so much talent on this team and it is great to be a part of it," said senior and team co-captain Jenna Bettmann, a retail and merchandising management major. "We have pulled out matches that normally we would not have been able to do due to our mentality and having the confidence that we can do it."

The team and coaches are very pleased with how the conference has gone and are anxious to see how the tournament will go.

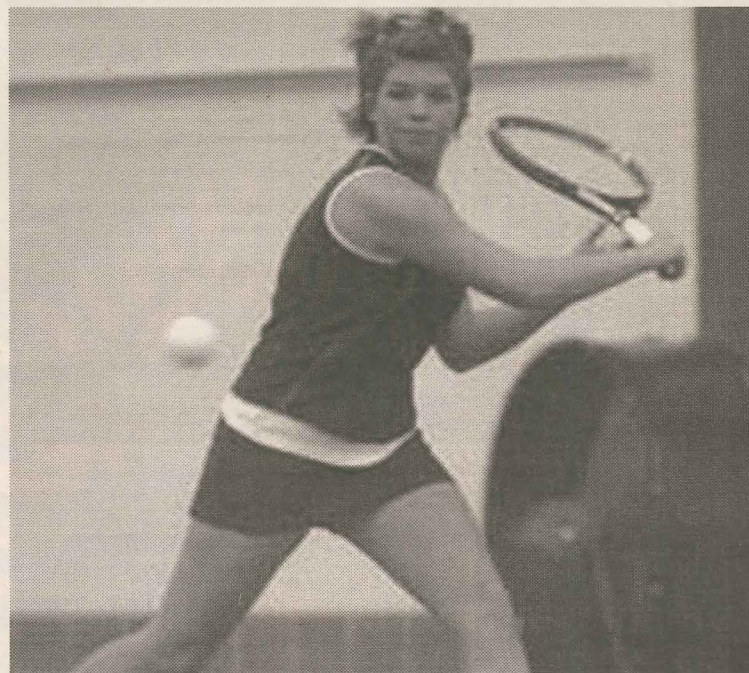
Last week the girls beat the University of Wisconsin-River Falls which has not happened

in the four years that Bettmann has been on the team. She explained her enthusiasm about the situation and expressed her eagerness to see how many more wins like this they will gain at the tournament.

"We have definitely surprised a lot of teams in our conference on our talent, and hopefully there will be a few more at the tournament," said Bettmann.

"This is the 26th year of WIAC women's tennis and UW-Stout has never finished third at the Conference tournament," said Noll. "UW-Stout has finished fourth five times. Last year we finished fifth which was the best finish for us since 1997 and I really believe we have a great chance at finishing at least fourth this year."

"I'm excited to see how we



Jeremy Nelson/Stoutonia

The tennis program explodes with two new assistant coaches, six returnees and freshmen full of talent.

will end up at conference," said sophomore and team co-captain Jodie Czech, a hotel, restaurant and tourism management major. "I think we're going to shock a lot of the top teams."

With only two conference games left, the team is still

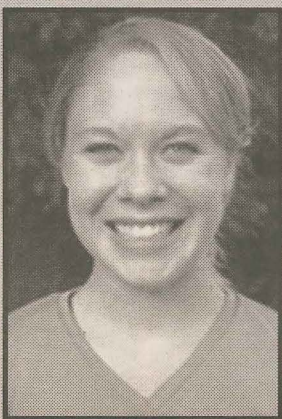
practicing and growing in hopes to reach levels that the team has not seen in years.

Their next competition is at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse on Saturday, Sept. 30.

ATHLETE Week

THE FACTS: Cross Country: A junior with a dietetics major from Manitowoc, Wis., Abbey Ring is the UW-Stout athlete of the week.

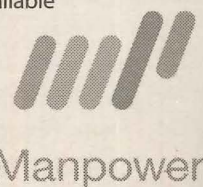
Ring took first place in the Jamie Block Alumni/Intrasquad meet to start off the season. She took 51st place of 404 runners to help her team win 10th place of 32 teams at the Roy Griak Invitational.



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Girls' V-ball to take on rivals UW-Eau Claire on their turf

By Josh Parshley
Sports Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout volleyball team has had a good season so far. The team record is 13-4 after last weekend's matches.

The team has recently competed at the Marymount University Tournament in Virginia over Sept. 16 and 17. The team played in four matches during the tournament.

"It was a great opportunity for us to play some teams that we were not familiar with and to grow as a team," said senior Kat Roesler, an early childhood education major.

"We had time to bond as a team; we looked at all of the monuments and had dinner at a local crab place," said senior Jenny McDermid, an interior design major. "What an experience." McDermid also said some players stepped up their game tremendously during the tournament.

"The team played well," said coach Jill Jolliff. She explained that there were some troubles with injuries; however, the team adjusted well and had a good experience.

The Blue Devils left the tournament with a 3-1 record.

When the team is not on the court playing a match, they are hard at work practicing.

"We know the more you put into practice, the greater the results are going to be," said Roesler. "The team is only as strong as the individual and the individual is only as strong as the team."

"I like to think we take each week and game one at a time," said McDermid. She also said that starting this week, the team will be meeting with Brett Deersen. He will be working with the team twice a week to lead training on different acceleration drills.

Coach Jill Jolliff explained that she wants to work on the team's performance during pressure situations. She said the team is like a rollercoaster at this point. Some days the team is good; some days the team struggles. Jolliff is doing anything she can to fix the problem.

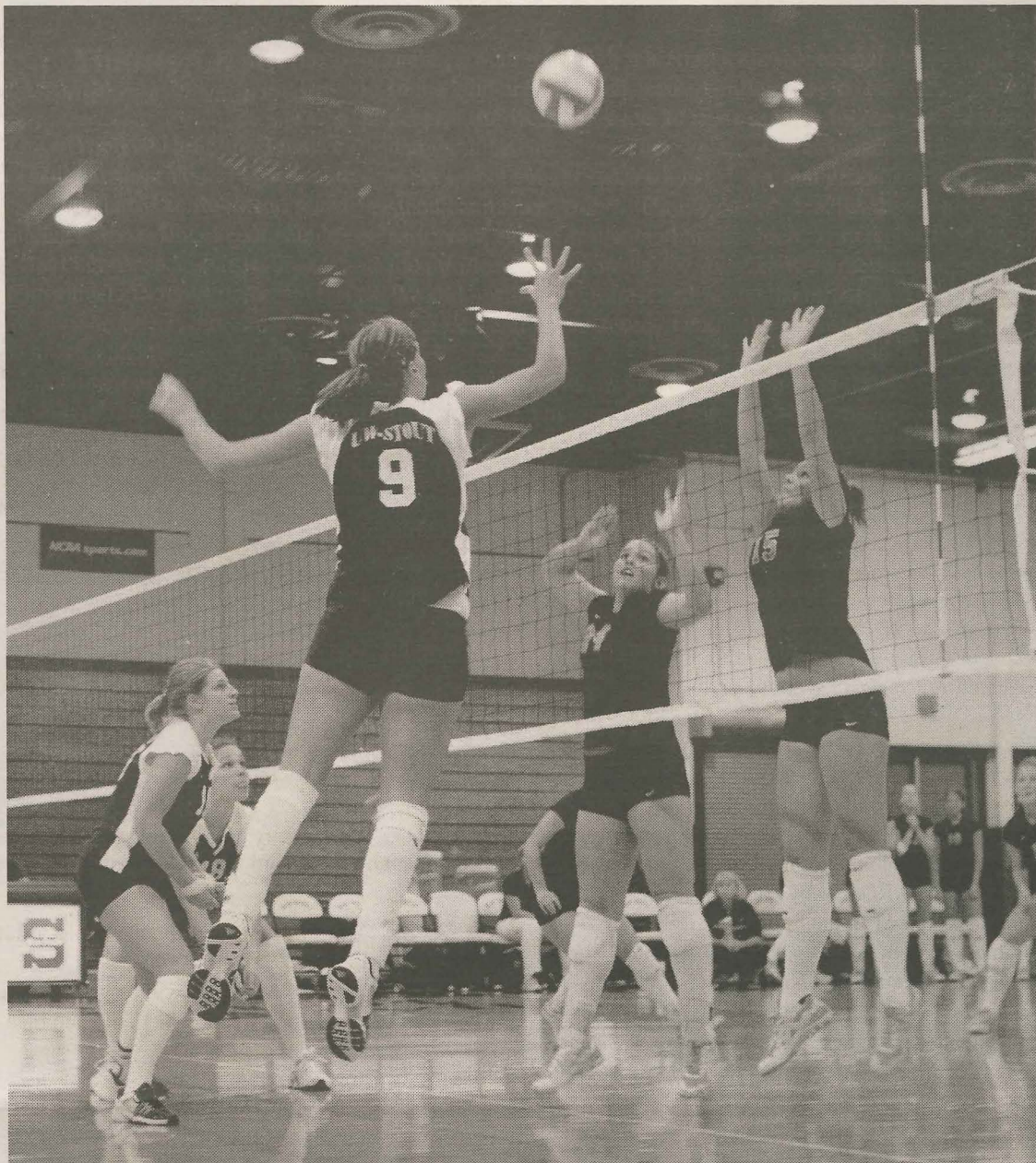
UW-Stout will be playing at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire (12-1) on Wednesday, Oct. 4.

"It's a rivalry game. The upperclassmen will need to step up. They need to tell the lowerclassmen the history of UW-Stout vs. UW-Eau Claire. The team needs to be psyched up," said Jolliff.

"Obviously UW-Eau Claire is one of our biggest rivals. It's always difficult to go into Eau Claire and play but it will be an intense game. Anything can happen, it doesn't matter who the better team is," said Roesler.

"I know if we play up to our ability Eau Claire better watch out, the match will be very intense," said McDermid. "There's just something about Eau Claire that makes our team want to kick their butts."

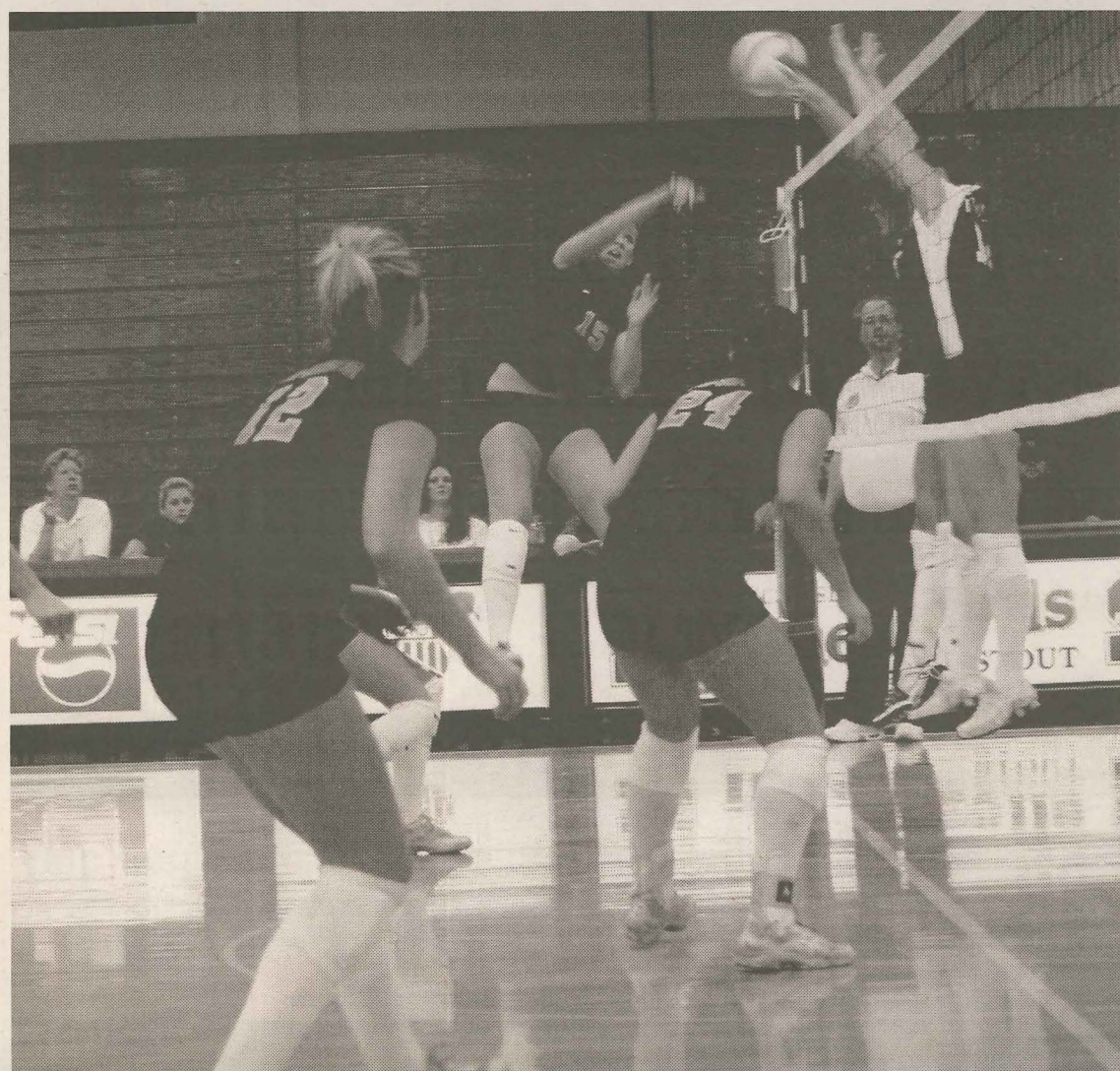
The game starts at 7 p.m. in Eau-Claire



Jeremy Nelson/Stoutonia

Volleyball season is roaring with an overall 13-4 record and 1-1 WAIC. The lady Blue Devils must travel and face long-time rivals UW-Eau Claire.

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Coach Jill Jolliff wants to work on the teams performance during pressure situations. She wants to eliminate the teams struggles.

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SOCCER (1-6)

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The soccer team was dealt a fourth consecutive loss to UW-La Crosse
Next Game:
Sept. 30 at UW-Superior



FOOTBALL (2-1)

FINAL 13-14

Football lost first game in overtime to Whitworth College

Next Game:
Sept. 30 at UW-Platteville

MEN'S GOLF

11th of 15

The men's golf team finished 11th at the Frank Wigglesworth Blugold Invite
Next Game :
March 10-18 Spring Break Trip

WOMEN'S GOLF

12th 15

Women's golf finished 12th at the DIII Midwest Classic

Next game: Sept. 30- Oct. 1 at UW-Stevens Point Invite

Football takes first loss in overtime to Whitworth

By Joshua E. Fox
Sports Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout Blue Devils football team played host to the Whitworth College Pirates from Whitworth, Wash. on Sept. 23. This was the second time this year UW-Stout has faced an opponent for the first time.

Whitworth's first drive ended with an interception in the end zone by UW-Stout's Tony Fitts who returned it 37 yards. Two plays later, UW-Stout's Ryan Englebert rushed 71 yards for a touchdown; the score was 7-0 after Brandon Raciborski's field goal.

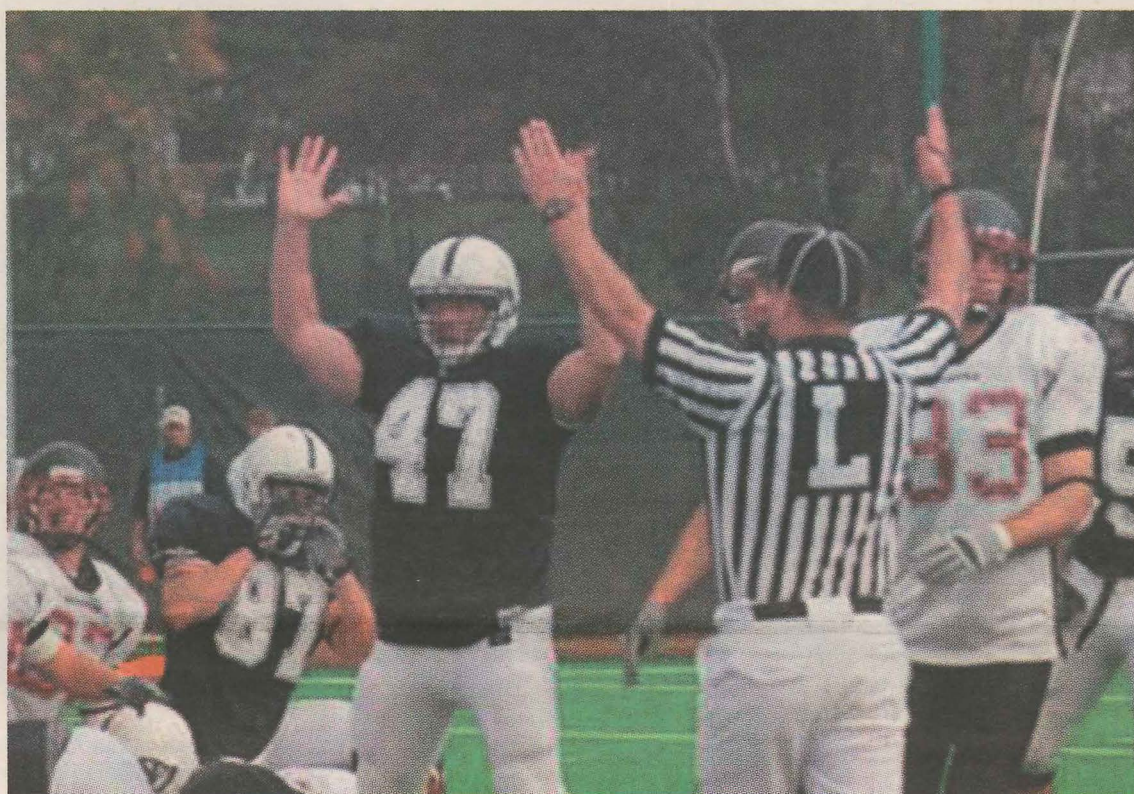
UW-Stout had two more interceptions in the game, one by Rob Weinstein in the first quarter and the other by Luke Steffen in the third quarter. Both were inside the Whitworth 10 yard line. Coach Todd Strop said "The defense played really well and came up with three big plays."

With a mere seven seconds left in regulation time, Whitworth's Joel Clark completed a pass to Jay Tully for a four-yard touchdown reception. Then with three seconds left on the clock, Whitworth's Cameron Collings tied the game at seven with the extra point.

The real story of the day was that of the kickers. Whitworth's Cameron Collings missed a 47-yard field goal in the second quarter and another from 40 yards in the first overtime. UW-Stout's Brandon Raciborski missed from 41 and 42 yards in the fourth quarter and missed a 37-yard field goal in the first overtime.

Then in the second overtime UW-Stout's quarterback Tanner Kattre rushed one yard and crawled his way over a pile of players to score a touchdown for the Blue Devils. Brandon Raciborski's extra point attempt went wide and Whitworth regained control of the ball with the score at 13-7.

After two no-gain rushes and a 20-yard pass completion, Whitworth's Shane Stonemetz



Stacie McCormack/Stoutonia

In double overtime quarterback Tanner Kattre crawled over the goal line to get the touchdown. Referees make it official, but the extra point was missed, giving UW-Stout their first loss of the season.

rushed two yards into the end zone to tie the score at 13. Cameron Colling's extra point attempt was good to win the game with a score of 14-13 over the Blue Devils. Tanner Kattre, a junior in general business administration, said, "As a whole team we played our butts off and it just didn't work out for us in the end."

"I just told our guys, 'You were in a playoff-type game today,'" said UW-Stout coach Todd Strop. "That was that feel-

ing to it out there. [Whitworth] could have folded, but they didn't. They probably got themselves into the national playoffs today. [Whitworth] is very well coached and disciplined. We missed some reads and panicked

a little bit."

The Blue Devils host the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh on Saturday, Oct. 4.

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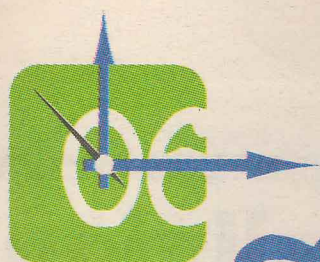
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Raising cancer awareness with pink ribbons



Jason Harsh/Stoutonia

On Wednesday students could be seen fighting against cancer by tying pink ribbons for breast cancer in various places around campus. Next week Colleges Against Cancer is having Breat Cancer Awareness Week.

Demonstrating the cost of war

By Ellen Scheutz
Entertainment Writer

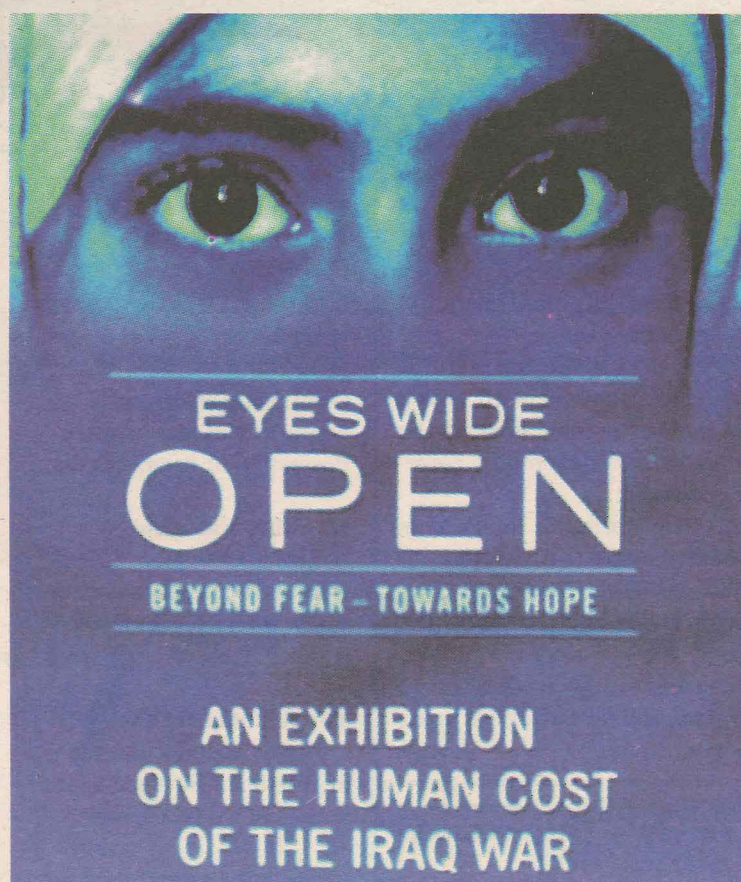
On Friday, Sept. 29 some students may have noticed a large display in the grassy area next to Bowman Hall bordering Main Street. The display out front read "Eyes Wide Open."

This was a non-violent protest sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee to remind Americans of the cost of human lives continually being in the war in Iraq.

The display was posted from 9 a.m. until about 7:30 p.m. The event included a talk about the war, various guest speakers, music and a candle-lit vigil with closing.

Students may have seen shoes and black combat boots strewn about the grass in front of the stage along with a multimedia display allowing viewers to discover the his

Boots cont. on page 3



The "Eyes Wide Open" demonstration held next to Bowman Hall was a powerful statement about the cost of war in human lives.

Money for diversity

By Tracy Considine
News Editor

Applications for the Chancellor's Cultural Activities Fund are currently being accepted. This year there is a total of \$20,000 worth of funds available. This money will be used to support events like guest speakers, films, performances, artwork purchases, displays, field trips, training sessions and seminars.

These funds are restricted by use of student organizations or clubs that wish to provide enhancement of knowledge through diversity on the University of Wisconsin-Stout's campus.

The money must be spent according to state guidelines and be used by the end of the year.

The maximum amount of an award is \$2,500. Awards of lesser amounts will be awarded based on need and available funds. Only one award will be given per organization each year.

To apply for the Chancellor's Cultural Activities Fund, submit your application to the Campus

Cultural Activities Funds Selection Committee in the Multicultural Student Services office in Bowman Hall 217.

Applications are accepted anytime and will be reviewed by a selection committee of three people: the director of MSS, an administrative and student lifter service representative and the chancellor.

To be accepted for the Chancellor's Cultural Activities Fund, there must be evidence that the organization will complete the event by the closing of the school year and that the event's goals include promotion of diversity.

The requested dollar amount must be justifiable. Those receiving will need to submit a written report at the completion of the activity with a letter of support from the faculty advisor.

Applications for the Cultural Activities Fund will continue to be accepted until funds are depleted.

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College students give input on religion

College for some will prove to be a long endeavor for a sense of self-awareness and self satisfaction. The elements of life have changed from the days of high school in the comforts of home towns and have turned on their side to present a new kind of test to pass or fail: real life.

Parents are always patronizing with, "just wait until you get into the real world." The real world, otherwise known as college, is here. Now is the time that students discover how much of what their parents said for the past 18 years has stuck. One of the more obvious questions is where do religious beliefs rest now that there is independence to be enjoyed.

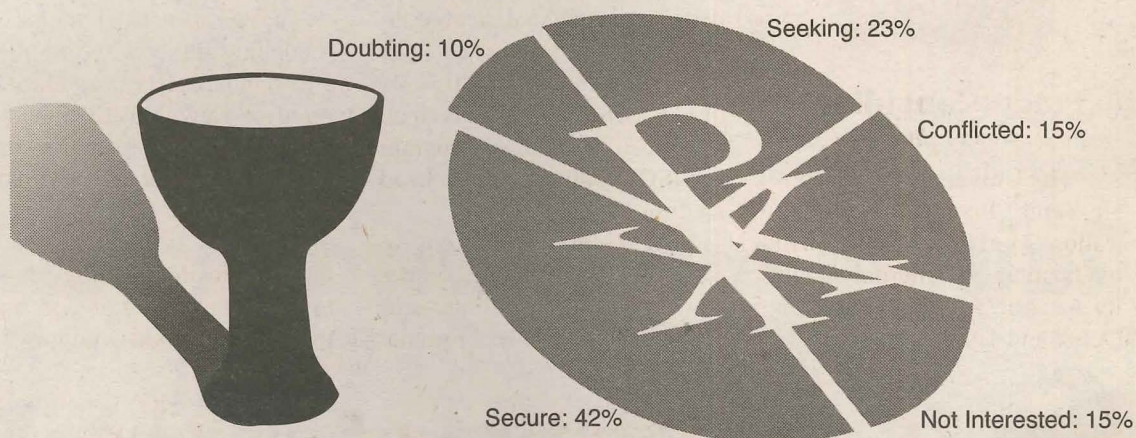
A study done in late September by the Higher Education Research Institute shows that 76 percent of college students

are religious or otherwise spiritual. Only 17 percent of students claim to not be religious or spiritual in any way.

The survey included 112,232 students from 236 different colleges around the nation. From the survey, researchers developed the "Spiritual Quest" scale to describe the beliefs of students as to what is essential concerning the purpose of life.

According to the "Spiritual Quest" scale, 77 percent of students believe that attaining wisdom is the most important factor behind a purposeful life, 67 percent of students would like to become a more loving person, 54 percent wish to seek beauty in their lives and improve the human condition, 49 percent are striving to attain inner harmony and 45 percent of college students are trying to find answers

Current Views about Spiritual/Religious Matters*



*These figures add up to more than 100% because students were permitted to choose more than one response

Alex Van Driel/Stoutonia

The data for the graphic above is taken from www.spirituality.ucla.edu/

to the mystery of life.

"These results show that students are clearly very interested

in these larger life questions, and are exploring them while in college," said Alexander W. Astin, the co-principal investigator for the project. "The challenge for higher education practitioners is to understand the priority young people place on these issues and to consider how students can best be supported in their questing efforts."

Currently 42 percent of students describe their general feelings on religion as secure, 23 percent say they are seeking, 15 percent say they are conflicted or not interested and 10 percent are doubting.

Surprisingly, seeking to be spiritual is not interchangeable with current religious beliefs. Some students claim they are

seeking to be spiritual, while many say they are conflicted or doubting. The study also found that those who consider themselves religious or spiritual pray and meditate more often than those who are not religious.

It seems that more women than men are on some form of spiritual journey. More women than men report searching for meaning in life, striving to be more loving, seeking beauty in life, wanting to improve the human condition and wishing to possess an inner harmony.

Fortunately for parents, the study indicates that a large number of college students have kept words of wisdom close to home.

—The Stoutonia Staff

What in the world? Locavore?

By Matthew Ader
News Writer

Locavores can't be found in a dictionary, but they can be found if one asks carefully, or looks hard enough.

The word is a new term beginning to make headway around the United States, coined by a group originally from San Francisco.

What does it mean? A locavore is someone who attempts to only eat foods which are produced within a hundred miles of their home.

If a food can be produced locally, then locavores will only buy it from local producers. Why buy apples from New Zealand when they can be bought from a neighbor down the road?

The system makes sense in principle, only importing the kinds of foods into a community that cannot be produced in the area by its community members.

Oranges, coffee, and other

foods are difficult to produce in the Midwest, a fact locavores readily recognize, and they recognize the benefits of importing foods considered exotic in the area.

There are many reasons for the locavore movement created by concerned culinary adventures, but it is primarily intended to reduce America's reliance on foreign oil.

By shipping food products shorter distances, less fuel will need to be expended.

This reduces costs of marketing food products for producers and distributors.

Reducing pollution and slowing resource depletion is another benefit of buying locally. This eliminates the need for excess packaging and labels on each product. Foods arrive fresher and in better condition because they have been handled less and only traveled a few hundred miles, rather than thousands of miles.

The local economy also

remains strong when food is bought locally because the money spent stays within the community.

Because of the reduced need for preservatives, packaging, coloring and travel distance, locally purchased food can also be expected to be cheaper and taste better than food that comes from a grocery store. This is a blessing for low to no income college students.

Currently, the locavore movement is gathering momentum across the nation. Farmer's markets, where most locally produced food is sold, are growing larger and more popular wherever they are found.

Some companies are even taking part.

Vanguard Communications of Washington, D.C., is known to have challenged its employees to only eat locally grown food from just one month up to an entire year.

A variety of fresh fruits, vegetables and meat all grown in the Menomonie area can be found at the Menomonie Farmer's Market.

The farmer's market is located east of campus at Wilson Park, between Seventh and Eighth streets, and runs May through October, on Wednesdays from noon to 6 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon.

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Hey, that was mine!

Tuesday, Sept. 26, \$250 worth of art supplies were stolen from a locker located in Applied Arts.

The cement broke my fall

Friday, Sept. 29, outside of Wigen Hall, a student was injured in a bike accident.

In need of medical attention

Friday, Sept. 29, inside JTC a student was having a seizure and was later transported to Red Cedar Medical Center.

Not picture perfect

Saturday, Sept. 30, a digital camera was stolen from a house.

Back up out of my grill

Sunday, Oct. 1, a vehicle parked in lot 4 was subject to a hit and run. The car's hood was apparently damaged by a larger vehicle backing up on top of it.

Tokin' on a hooka

Monday, Oct. 3, a report of possible subjects smoking marijuana occurred outside of HKMC hall. Upon further investigation the individuals were actually found smoking apple tobacco out of a hookah.

Quit stealing permits!

Monday, Oct. 3, two University of Wisconsin-Stout parking permits went missing.

Cooking with fire

Monday, Oct. 3, a fire alarm was set off in South Hall. The Menomonie Fire and Rescue team later found out it was set off by students cooking in the basement.



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Audit Training Session held on campus



Tracy Considine
News Editor

The University of Wisconsin-Stout's Economic Administration- University Center will be hosting an Internal Quality Auditor Training course on Oct. 9 and 10.

The audit training will be held in rooms 144 and 146 of the Merle Price Commons from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The instructor, Russ Ziebell, is a registered Accreditation Board certified lead auditor. He has more than 20 years of experience and has given an internally recognized program on ISO 9000 Certified Lead Auditor Training.

This is a two-day course focused on producing competent, ready-for-auditing students. The course will provide

students with hands-on auditing experience.

Participants will learn about the ISO 9001:2000 internal auditing system based on the ISO 10011. The list of guidelines are how to interpret ISO standards from an auditor's point-of-view; how to plan and prepare for internal audits; and how to construct effective audit checklists. They will also discuss how to conduct opening and closing meetings; how to perform the audit and ask the right questions; and how to

write the audit report and take effective corrective actions.

The first day of the course will cover terms and definitions, an introduction to auditing and introduction to ISO standards, case studies, understanding documentation, designing an audit system, the mechanics of auditing and preparation for auditing.

The second day will cover checklist development, interviewing techniques, opening meetings, performing an audit, closing a meeting, audit report

writing and corrective action systems.

Participants will also have the opportunity to participate in small group and class involved case studies and become familiar with the four levels of systems documentation. There will be opportunities to work with professionals from other organizations.

To download the registration for this course visit http://eda.uwstout.edu/documents/Oct2006Reg_000.pdf. Registration fee is \$389.

Boots /casualties of war honored at Eyes Wide Open

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tory, cost and consequences of the war in Iraq.

The 48 pairs of shoes and army boots of Wisc. native soldiers were symbols used to honor each casualty.

There were also shoes to represent the cost of the war in Iraqi lives, which is believed to be 26,000 to 100,000 fatalities. Alongside the boots there was a large wall overflowing with the names of more than 11,000 Iraqi civilians that have fallen since the start of the war.

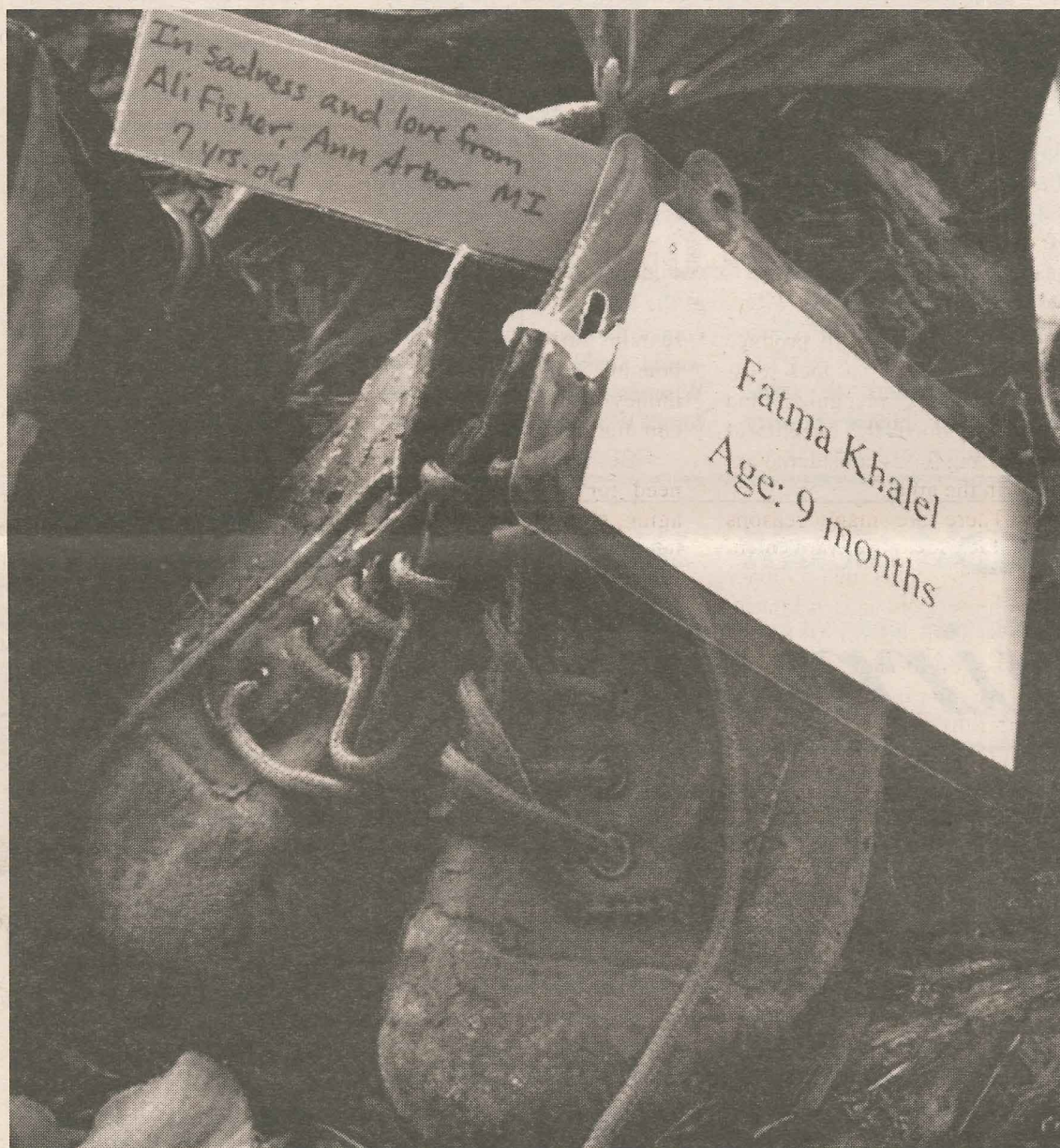
Every hour a soldier's or civilian's name was read to a small crowd. Red Cedar Peace Initiative leader Jody Solcum hopes that this would bring more awareness and a "human face to the war."

The protest included speeches from Veteran Pat Baser, congregational pastor Rob McDougal, and Bob Freeze, a pastor from a local Lutheran church.

Musical talents included a bagpipe player, guitarists and vocal talents. A film by Michael Franti called "I Know I am Not Alone" was shown. The film documented a musician's search for the cost of war.

"It's amazing how there are not many students paying attention to this demonstration," she said. "They walk by, but do not really look."

Women in Black, a Menomonee-based group, separate



Source: www.afsc.org

These tiny shoes of a young Iraqi girl testify to the innocent lives claimed by the war in Iraq.

from the Eyes Wide Open demonstration, lined Main Street and held up anti-war signs as they do every Friday.

"The Eyes Wide Open started traveling when there were a mere 500 boots," said leader Kathy Ruggles. Now

there are more than 3,000 boots of killed soldiers.

As people gathered in the field of boots they might have

recognized the name of someone they knew on the nametags that dangled from them. Friends and families of the fallen came to grieve for their loved ones, bringing flowers, letters, pictures and American flags to honor their memories.

The AFSC is a Quaker organization but includes members of a diverse number of faiths. Members of the group are dedicated to social justice and embracing peace and love to overcome violence, particularly the violence of war.

Eyes Wide Open was introduced in January of 2004 out of the AFSC's Chicago office. The exhibit now travels nation-wide to over 100 cities. The demonstration will be presented in places including Logan, Utah; Klamath Falls, N.D.; Los Angeles, Calif.; Lehigh Valley, Pa.; La Grande, Ore. and Denver, Colo. over the next two weeks.

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Candidates fight for governorship of Wisconsin

By Jenny Stabenow
News Writer

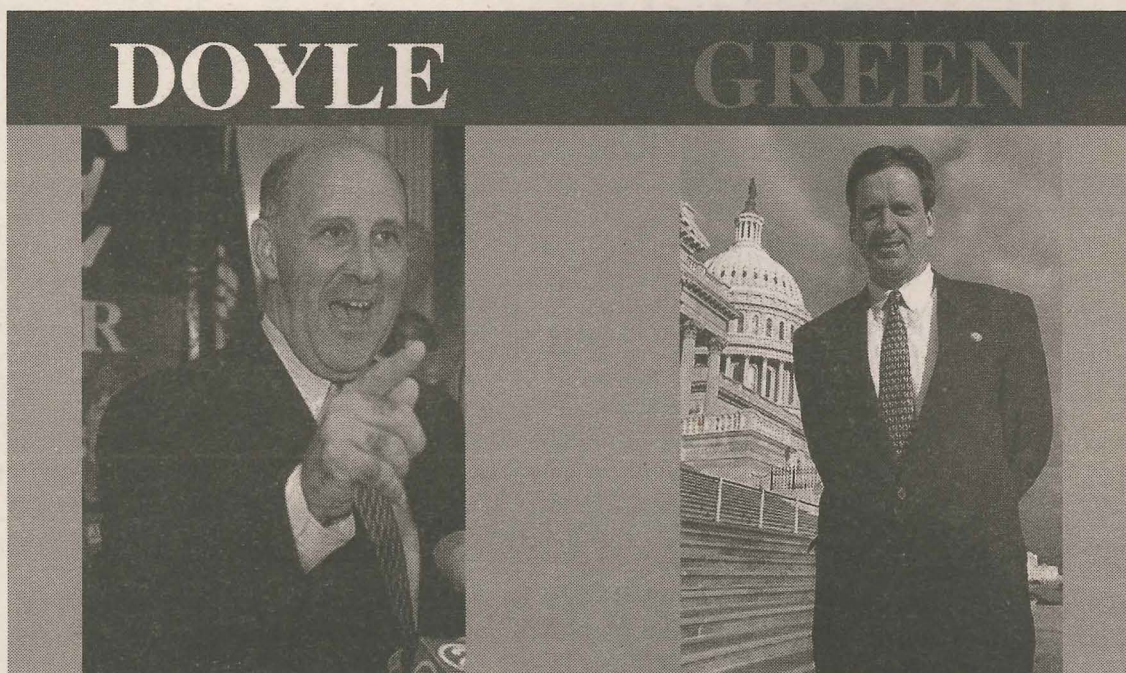
Watching a favorite television show is no longer just a leisurely activity. The moment a commercial is shown, watching TV becomes a frenzy of political debate. Mark Green or Jim Doyle faces flash across the screen. Right now, TV channels are crammed with political advertisements, specifically of these candidates for Wisconsin's governor.

Wisconsin's current governor is democrat Jim Doyle. He will be running for governor this year for another term. His major competitor is Mark Green, a republican candidate. Elections are scheduled for Nov. 7, 2006.

What is shown on public television is often a battle between political candidates. The commercials often contain negative messages aimed at the opposing candidate.

One commercial claims that Jim Doyle manipulated the state elections board to benefit his campaign. What the public really needs to know is what the two men stand for.

Mark Green is a first-



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These are the candidates for Wisconsin's governor, democrat Jim Doyle and republican Mark Green.

generation American in his family. He grew up in Green Bay, Wis. and attended both the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he graduated. He is married and has children. He and his wife volunteered to teach in Africa for a year.

He wants to make education a higher priority

in Wisconsin. He aims to put more money in the classrooms, reward teachers for their performance and modernize academic standards.

At the college level, he would put Wisconsin students at the front of the line when it comes to admissions. He also would make a University of Wisconsin education affordable for all Wisconsin residents.

Another goal Mark Green has is to create better jobs and stabilize wages. He is known for developing the toughest penalties for child molesters and for reducing taxes.

Jim Doyle is Wisconsin's current governor and is running for another term. He grew up in Madison, Wis. and graduated from UW-Madison. He then joined the Peace Corps

with his wife and taught in Africa for two years.

Doyle went back to school and graduated from Harvard Law School. He and his wife adopted two sons. He was a district attorney in 1976 and the attorney general in 1990 and for two following terms. He also favors education and would like to strengthen its future in Wisconsin.

Doyle has proposed a covenant that will ensure that any student who works hard and plays by the rules will be able to attend college. Students would be able to sign the covenant in eighth grade. He is also dedicated to keeping the University of Wisconsin system one of the top university systems in the United States.

Besides education, his main goals are to make sure Wisconsin families can afford health care, pay heating bills, fill up at the gas pump, have a good-paying job and be able to send their kids to college. More information on the candidates can be found at votemarkgreen.com and jimdoyle.org.

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NEWS for the college attention span

Dentist visit causes death

A five-year-old girl went to the dentist in her hometown of Chicago and never awoke after being sedated for two fillings. It was concluded that the girl stopped breathing on her own. She was in a coma for a few days but died on Wednesday, Sept. 27.

Florida gunman

A man in Lakeland, Fla., shot two deputies and a police dog this past Thursday.

The shooting took place near a local high school, which was locked down because of the incident.

School shooting in Colorado

A Denver man, who had been living out of his car, was the gunman in the latest deadly school shooting.

Duane Morrison took six Amish girls hostage in a school classroom, killed one and sexually assaulted the others. He then committed suicide.

Bomb threat at UW-Oshkosh

A University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh student sent a bomb threat to university officials because she needed more time to finish her speech homework.

She is now facing up to three years and six months in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Twin sisters reunite

Seventy-one years ago twin sisters were separated at birth. Each went to a different foster home after their mother gave them away in the hospital moments after birth.

They both grew up knowing they had a twin but hadn't found each other until they were 71 years of age. Eight years of searching brought the twins together.

Woman attempted to carry gun on plane

A woman at the Tampa International Airport was arrested after security screening found a loaded handgun in her bag.

She had a .38-caliber revolver in her carry-on which was loaded with three bullets. Her husband had no idea his wife was carrying a gun.

Student kills principal in Wisconsin

Eric Hainstock, 15, of Cazenovia, Wis. shot his principal on Friday, Oct. 29.

He had been given a disciplinary warning the previous day for bringing tobacco into school.

He also complained of harassment from other students. He will be charged with first-degree intentional homicide.

Not to alarm you, but do you lock your door?



Staff Editorial The Stoutonia Staff

How big of an issue is security for students at the University of Wisconsin-Stout?

It's no secret that most of us go through our lives without giving it much of a thought, if any. The idea to lock our bikes up is robotic and happens without thought most of the time, and doors to our dorms or houses are occasionally unlocked for our convenience. Nothing's ever happened so far, so why

would it?

With the recent school shooting in Pennsylvania and bomb threat at UW-Oshkosh, safety and security issues are once again at the forefront of our concerns. Is UW-Stout as secure as it could be?

Take the Red Cedar Hall entrance after hours, for instance. It isn't uncommon at all for students to forget to take their ID cards with them when they leave their room, but does this create a problem? Most of us, if we are wish to enter a residence hall and the building doors are locked, simply wait until someone who actually lives there arrives. Unless the individual is in an unexplainably bad mood, they will normally have no reason to avoid being a good Samaritan and open the door for us.

This passivity undermines the security of buildings and leads to another disturbing question: how many of us actually lock our doors to our rooms?



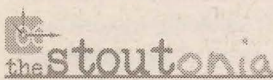
It is unfortunate that many of us can walk into a residence hall on any day and find at least one unlocked door with no one inside. This is, after all, how the infamous "panty thief"

made his reputation.

There are undoubtedly other areas where we can be more vigilant and *The Stoutonia* is open to your thoughts on this matter.

If we are to avoid having

invasive security measures foisted upon us, the UW-Stout student body needs to become more vigilant in protecting themselves and their property.



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Oh yeah? Well demote *this!*



Matt Schubbe

Columnist

Okay, so I know this topic hit the presses a long time ago, but sometimes it takes me a while to process an idea until it comes to fruition. So yes, I'm about a week or so late on this whole "Pluto gets demoted" thing, but I've got something to say about it! For the uninformed, no, I'm not talking about Mickey's dog (even though I still can't quite fathom why Goofy is allowed to wear clothes and he isn't; after all, they're both clearly dogs).

Getting back to business, what I'm actually talking about is the demotion of Pluto from a planet to a simple—albeit less astounding—dwarf planet.

I just don't get it. It's not the simple fact that Pluto happens to be pretty miniscule as far as heavenly bodies go, that part makes a certain kind of sense. What I'm actually wondering is who gets the kind of authority that leads to downgrading something like a planet? Where does it come from? Can I have the same privileges?

While I can't answer the first two questions, I can easily answer the third. I'm hereby granting myself the ability to demote things to a lesser status

whenever I wish, for whatever reason I wish, because I said so.

Take that, astronomy community. I am jumping all over your game.

My first order of business is to lower the status of tomatoes from a fruit to a vegetable. Yes, fruits do rank above vegetables in the grand scheme of things. If I can arbitrarily decide the status of this stuff I can certainly also order their rank to my liking. So, officially by virtue of being included in nearly every salad, tomatoes are now vegetables. Done and done.

Now let's see, what else can I tamper with?

How about sandals? I don't think they count as a shoe really, seeing as in most cases they cover less than 51 percent of the foot. They're still footwear of course, but there is not nearly enough coverage for them to be considered shoes. Thus, sandals shall henceforth be referred to as "Scant foot coverings."

Man, I'm getting good at this.

I should give it a rest for a while. I don't want to make the brilliant scientists who have changed Pluto's status feel too stepped on, or for that matter inspire them so much that they get trigger happy with the demotions.

So for now I will put my powers to rest. Unless anyone can think of something that could severely use a downgrade. I might come out of retirement for that.

Music history class a must

Theresa Radtke

Columnist

There is a music class where I don't have to actually play a musical instrument! That is the mindset I had going into Patrick M. Liebergen's class, The History of Music. Although it was quite true, it definitely didn't mean I wasn't going to learn about them!

Before I get into why I think this class is great, you should know a little bit about Liebergen. He is the director of choral activities at the University of Wisconsin-Stout and received his bachelor's degree in music education from St. Norberts University, Wisc., his masters from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and his doctorate at the University of Colorado-Boulder. His choral works are also planned to be performed at Carnegie Hall in Minnesota on Nov. 20, and some of his choir students will be singing in the program.

I want to recommend everyone who has the chance to sign up for this course. Everyone is able to, and the content goes through a variety of topics from Baroque music all the way until present day, but that is beside the point. This course seems like it could be an untapped source for learning about cultures and music. I love it.

As a linguistic freak, I love learning new languages. Taking this class is really not comparable to learning a second or third language, but it could be

a good start. Liebergen uses a lot of French, Italian, German, Latin and some others when teaching about the music. The examples of music he brings to class are often in another language as well, and right now I can barely tell what they are singing because it is all sung in chant or opera style, but it is still pretty cool.

I am really looking forward to when we start learning about more contemporary styles of music. At the end of October we have a guest performer coming in from Africa to play some drums and that will be amazing.

I love this course because of how everything is presented. He often uses his piano forte to demonstrate what he is talking about, playing the notes and not hesitating to sing along with them. The loud vibrations and sudden boom of the keys really wakes you up and the melodies are always beautiful, calming you back down again.

I think the best reason the class is awesome is because the teacher is just fun. He is like those teachers you had back in high school that were just, well, awesome. He is like the teacher who was your favorite, or who you knew was cool with everything.

I can already tell that after only a couple of weeks being in the class, Liebergen is that kind of teacher. I can also tell he really knows what he is talking about and gets his knowledge to us in the best way possible: through music.

letters to the editor

Dear Editor,

The title, "Free Campus Health Care" to an article regarding the Free Clinic of the Greater Menomonie Area in the September 21, 2006 issue of *The Stoutonia* is misleading.

The clinic is the Free Clinic of the Greater Menomonie Area, not a free campus health care. Per Mary Blanchard, RN, Coordinator of the Free Clinic, the clinic's focus is on individuals living in Western Wisconsin that do not have any health insurance, no health care alternatives and have limited financial resources.

Luckily, our students do have a health alternative (though they may have insurance and financial constraints). The Student Health Services is funded primarily by the student health fee which is part of each student's tuition.

Listed below are services available to our students at no/nominal cost:

Diagnosis and treatment of illness and injuries, health education/information and referral.

Cooperation of continuation of other treatment programs already underway.

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teaching, routing pre-employment and limited pre-operative.

Preventive health screening: Men's Health Care/Women's Health Care.

Diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted infections.

Confidential HIV Testing on site.

Minor surgical procedures.

Immunizations, including travel shots.

Laboratory Tests.

Medications, Contraceptives and orthopedic supplies.

I would appreciate if *The Stoutonia* would provide clarity to the campus community that the Free Clinic is not a free campus health care clinic: it is a free clinic for the indigent population that reside in Western Wisconsin.

Thank you.

Janice Lawrence-Ramaeker,
Director, UW-Stout Student Health Services

Editor: We agree that the headline was misleading. In no way did we mean to belittle the excellent services that the UW-Stout Student Health Services provides.

Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

Leave the room and live a little



Chelsea Rickert

Entertainment Editor

Most of you are guilty of it. I have been guilty of it.

What we are guilty of is not viewed as a crime by many, but as a pastime. As a substitution for the real thing. I'm talking about video games. I'm talking about the Internet. But mostly I'm talking about the video game and Internet junkies that hide in their rooms all by themselves, feeding their electronic addictions.

Picture this. Your roommate comes home from class at the same time he always does, mumbles a half-hearted salutation, then retreats to his side of the dorm room and zones out on a video game – perhaps the latest role-playing game, for instance. And then he doesn't move, all night.

He'll make some references to your existence throughout the evening, grab a can of Mountain Dew or Jolt or some other caffeine-packed, pulse-elevating beverage, and his world consists of nothing else but the precious video game and random instant

messenger conversations. You try to get him to come with you when it's time to meet the guys, but he is apathetic and remains rooted to his post in front of the computer or game console.

Or perhaps your roommate doesn't live through video games. Perhaps it's the Internet social life that's ensnared your friend. Why make the effort to go out and socialize the way our species has for millennia when there are awesome pseudo-social communities full of lazy or chronically-bashful people trying to get attention?

Don't get me wrong; I love video games, and I devoted quite a bit of my spare time to communities such as Livejournal and the dreaded Myspace.

However, I realized that I was being lured into a chasm of solitude instead of overcoming my social anxieties and forcing myself to do things the hard way – you know, go out to eat with other people, maybe see a movie, holy crap maybe I can even join a study group?

The crime I speak of is the severe lack of sunlight that my generation acquires. Most of us are so obsessed with entertaining ourselves inside our comfy little bubbles that we neglect the life that exists beyond the mortar and plaster.

The key to the issue is

moderation. You don't have to be a social butterfly, but being a social hermit never got anyone anywhere. It's a widely accepted truth that a person who feels loved is happiest and healthiest. There are too many cases of emotional disorders in our generation – WebMD reports that one-fifth of the nation's youth, ages 15 through 25, have suffered or are suffering from depression or anxiety disorders.

This doesn't just include adolescents. I've observed through the years the death of the "let's play outside" age. Little Johnny is probably less likely to play kickball with the neighborhood kids and more likely to amuse himself with the high-tech attention-regulators that parents shove on their kids. Why raise your kids when Mattel can do it for you?

Is it possible that these statistics are related to our generation's desire to be friends with a video game or an Internet messenger in place of a real human being? If suddenly tomorrow there were no video games and the Internet blew up, what would happen? Would kids finally get out and play in the sunshine? Would we try to communicate more often with members of our species face-to-face?

We'd probably just turn on our televisions.

Apathy at the local level

Left and right wingers alike miss the point



Jason Harsh

Chief Photography Editor

I couldn't decide whether to do an article on politics or winter, so a Google fight (the modern equivalent of a coin toss, wherein the results of two keywords "fight" and the winner is the term with the most hits) served as the modern equivalent of a coin toss.

So anyhow, politics won.

So it is with some hesitance that I dive into the sweaty armpit of American politics...

Democrat? Republican? Green (ha!)? Liberal or conservative, they all throw the same crap.

That's what the problem with politics is today. It doesn't matter whose philosophy you subscribe to: in order to keep the status quo, we'll all be kept perpetually squabbling with each other while the political fault lines grow deeper and deeper.

What people fail to realize is that in the past few decades, their choices of candidates have become closer and closer to center and the issues that these candidates claim to champion are

more often than not irrelevant to small-town America.

All the while, small cartels of thickheaded individuals are taking control of towns and cities right in front of our noses. Take the story of Marvin Heemeyer of Granby, Colo.

Marvin was a working man who owned his own muffler shop. The city's zoning commission denied him the privilege to connect his property to the sewer line, something that his company needed in order to stay in business. When all else failed, Marvin converted a Komatsu bulldozer into (in lieu of a better term) a full-fledged killdozer. He outfitted the machine with thick steel and concrete plating, weapons and cameras. His rampage left eight buildings significantly damaged. At the end of it all, Heemeyer killed himself. What's the point of this story?

The point is that a perfectly honest man had his livelihood entirely destroyed by a bent zoning committee, an action that ended up costing Mr. Heemeyer his life.

All the while, the mainstream media doesn't bat an eye; we're all too concerned with the president's approval rating or with Mark Foley's sexual escapades.

America has missed the point; the apathy on a local level is astonishing. Shame.

Fighting that ol' early morning cynicism



Kyle Kingston

Editor-in-Chief

Well, it's quarter to three in the morning and I've got the offices all to myself. There's something not quite real about the silence and stillness of this place.

Looking through the page layouts I see there's a small hole here—right on this page—that needs filling. I'd told Sam, the Opinions editor, that I'd write something to fill it, but that was a few hours ago when I had a lot of energy. The caffeine buzz has faded now.

Let's get to know each other, you and I. No one else is around at the moment, so who cares? And if at any time you should decide to abandon this piece for other, more substantive fare, be my guest.

Maybe I shouldn't, but I'll admit that this isn't my first attempt at writing this column. The original piece I had here was a tongue-in-cheek "rebuttal" of Chelsea's well written column (right above this one—if you haven't already, give it a look). My attempt at wit started out strong, but the humor grew

forced towards the end, eventually devolving into cynical ramblings I only half-believed. I'm good at that.

But it's getting late (or early) and I'm too tired to kid myself into thinking I can pull off witty. I'll try for honest and just hope that I don't waste your time or get too preachy. Believe me: I hate both just as much as you do.

So let's see... cynical rambling. Here's a good example from my first attempt at a column:

Are people really all they're cracked up to be anyway? I mean, come on. People are shallow, predictable, selfish, short-sighted, irrational piles of dirt that cannot be trusted to pay the least attention to their actions or consider others' feelings. Can you really trust people? They're the number one source of crime, after all.

I reread that and think, "Did I really write that garbage?"

I have a dry sense of humor and sense of the absurd and tend to want to say things just to shock people, but I was taken aback at how I was actually starting to persuade myself that that bitter, cynical crap could be true.

Which isn't to say there aren't elements of truth in that diatribe.

Anyone who's ever been on the receiving end of human cruelty has probably said far worse than what I've just written.

But it's one thing to acknowledge the utter terribleness of your fellow man's actions, and quite another to believe that's all of which they're capable.

Do I believe in people? Not as much as I used to and sometimes more than I should. One thing I've had occasion to relearn: you can't go through life trusting no one, even when you may wish to.

Maybe I'm still too idealistic and am just deluding myself. Maybe we in fact are all doomed. But I hope not. I hope that aside from the few true monsters out there (and there are a few, believe me), that people are essentially good or at least striving to be so.

I guess I'm rambling a bit. Sorry about that. God, I hate soap boxes. I'll probably hate myself in the morning for allowing this bit of self-indulgence. Might as well post a blog like anybody else who wants to bare their soul, right?

But as long as I'm here I feel like I need to get a couple things off my chest. (Deep breath)

Surround yourself with people: they're easier to fight for than principles.

Believe in love even at the risk of pain.

Never become too tempered by realism that you lose your capacity for hope.

There. I said it. I'm now an admitted sap.

Don't tell anyone, okay?

Stumbling for a good cause

By Jenny Stabenow
Campus Writer

What a ridiculous sight. What a way to turn some heads. Next week, some men from the University of Wisconsin-Stout are walking the streets in women's high heels for Walk a Mile in Her Shoes.

These brave men are doing a march to protest rape, sexual assault and other forms of gender violence, with women and children walking supportively beside them. Everyone in the community is encouraged to participate.

Those marching will congregate at the Dunn County Rec Park at 9:45 a.m. on Oct. 14, the morning of the homecoming parade.

"One in three women has experienced gender violence in her lifetime," said Frank Baird of San Fernando, Calif., founder of the event. "A woman is raped every 90 seconds in America. That means someone you know, someone you care about has been the victim of sexual violence."

Frank Baird is the founder of the event. The walk was inspired by the time-honored saying, "You can't understand a person's experience until you've walked a mile in their shoes." The first march was held in San Fernando Valley in 2001, and since then the



relationships with women in an atmosphere of fear, mistrust and blame.

The same violence that targets women also targets men because rape isn't about sex; it's about power, control and violence."

The homecoming parade is the first time Walk a Mile in Her Shoes has been coordinated in northwest Wisconsin and is a timely demonstration for October, the Domestic Violence Awareness month.

The march is sponsored by Men In Violence Prevention and The Campus Violence Prevention Project, both UW-Stout-based organizations.

To learn more about participating in the march during the UW-Stout homecoming parade, Jessica Bryan, the coordinator for The Campus Violence Prevention Project, can be reached by phone at (715)232-2468 or through e-mail at bryanje@uwstout.edu.

event has continued annually throughout the country.

"This violence does not just affect women," said Baird. "Men are hurt and angered when women they care about are raped. Men are hurt and angered when they try to develop

Celebrating inclusivity

By Tracy Considine
News Editor

The University of Wisconsin-Stout will be celebrating October as lesbian, gay, bisexual and transsexual (LGBT) month.

Many organizations on campus are supporting activities for LGBT awareness, including UW-Stout LGBT Inclusivity Committee, UW-Stout Out@Stout student organization, Diversity Education Committee, Stout Student Association, Multicultural Student Services, University Centers/Ally Center, the Chancellor's Office and University Housing.

This will be UW-Stout's first celebration of LGBT History Month, which has been celebrated nationwide since 1995.

Jan Hare and Susan Wolfgram, faculty members in the human development and family studies department, founded the UW-Stout Inclusivity Initiative Committee in 2005 with a vision to be leaders in gay, lesbian, bisexual and transsexual equality while providing a more positive view on sexual orientation.

In an effort to promote the knowledge of LGBT History Month, several campus organi-

zations will be holding an array of different events.

On Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 8 p.m. Magdalen Hsu-Li will give a presentation and a performance of her album "Smashing the Ceiling" in the Terrace of the Memorial Student Center.

Wednesday, Oct. 11 is national coming-out day and there will be a distribution of rainbow pins at various locations on campus.

On Tuesday, Oct. 17 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. there will be a "Let it Out" dialogue series on same-sex marriage in Huff's of the MSC. A dessert reception will be held in the Ally Center at 7 p.m.

On Thursday, Oct. 19 the movie "Living With Pride: The Ruth Ellis Story" will be shown from 10:10 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. in the Home Economics building, Room 131.

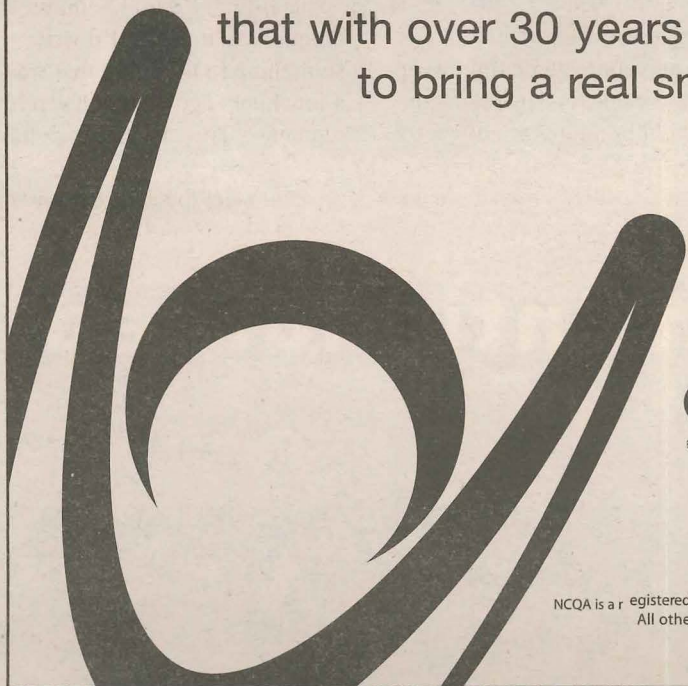
"After Stonewall" will be shown on Wednesday, Oct. 25 from 6 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. in Ballroom A of the MSC.

Finally, on Wednesday, Oct. 25 a reception to celebrate LGBT History Month will be held in the Ally Center of the MSC from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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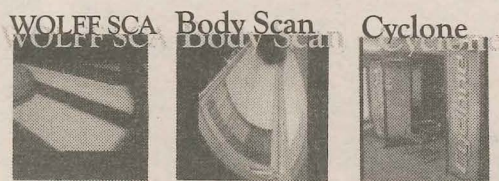
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Whether you're new on campus or just can't find the library...

By Jenny Stabenow
Campus Writer

The Antrim Froggatt McCalmont Resource Fair, an event meant to educate new University of Wisconsin-Stout students about campus resources, was held Monday, Oct. 2 in the basement of the residence hall. Participants were given cards with empty spaces for each booth representative to sign. The completed cards were entered into a prize drawing at the end of the night.

"I am a sophomore this year and I wish we would have had this last year when I was a freshman," said Kyle Nelson, an assistant hall director who had helped plan the event. "It allows freshmen and transfer students to become aware of the resources on campus."

Student organizations and student services both had booths. Latinos Unidos was there advertising their Wednesday night salsa club, which is open to all.

Also present at the fair were representatives of Out@Stout, American Marketing Association, Inter-Residence Hall Association, Hmong Student Organization, Black Student Union,



Jeremy Nelson/Stoutonia

The Antrim Froggatt McCalmont Resource Fair of Oct. 2 gave all who attended an overview of available student organizations and student services, including Out@Stout, the American Marketing Association, the Hmong Student Organization and many others.

ASPIRE, the UW-Stout Police, the Counseling Center and the Ally Center.

The University Bookstore was a main sponsor of the event and had a booth next to the Li-

brary Learning Center's.

Freshmen who were unfamiliar with the LLC were able to ask the representatives questions regarding library services.

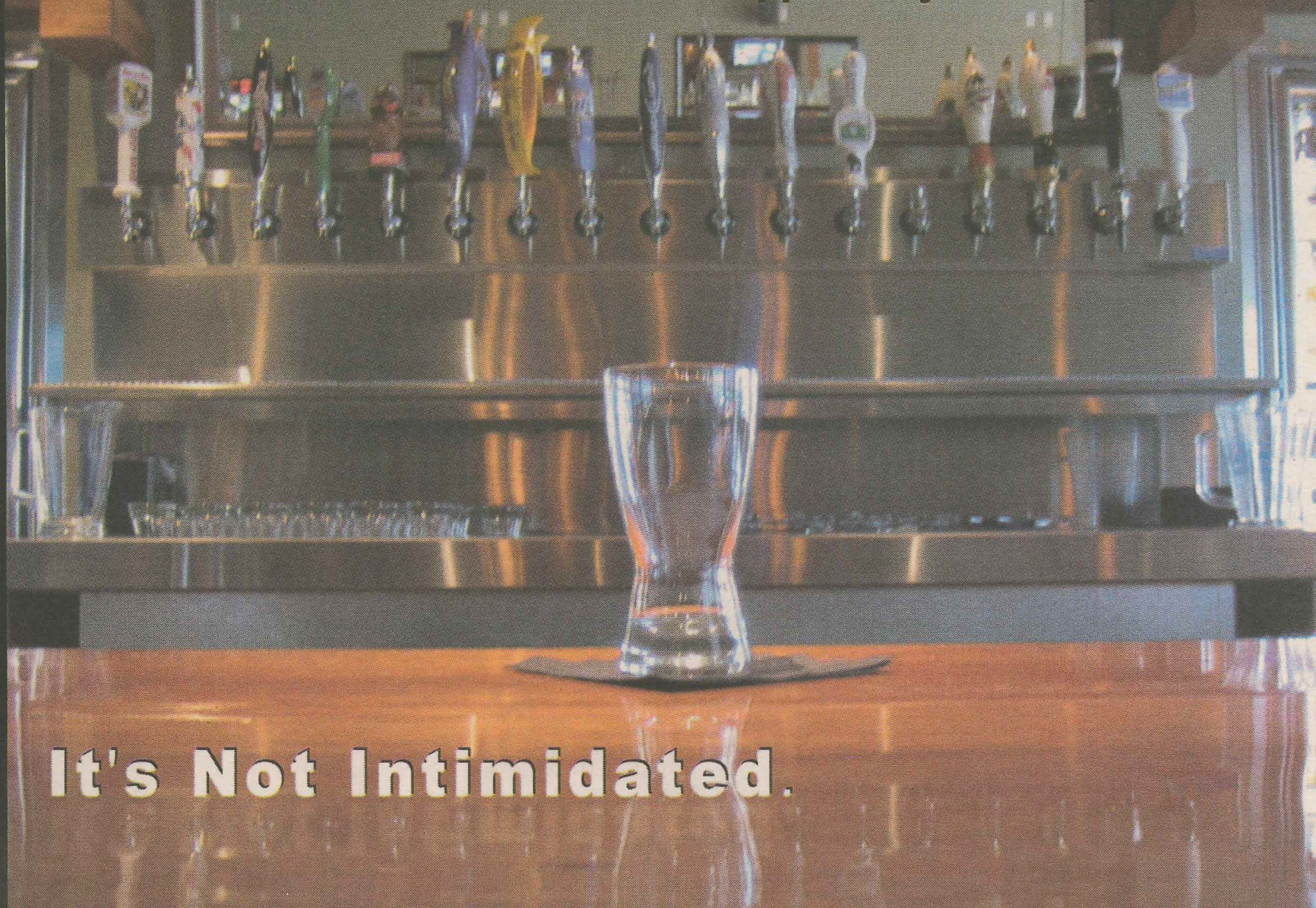
"We are aiming to provide

information about the resources available on campus in a comfortable setting for freshmen," said hall director R. J. Braxton. "By having the fair take place in a dorm, it's a much more re-

laxed environment."

All who attended the fair received helpful information, free food and prizes.

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Friday, Oct. 6

> Doc's Kids, Acoustic Cafe, 8 p.m., Free

> Jagerettes, Badabing'z, 11 p.m., Free

> Tim Sparks + Phil Heywood, Mabel Tainter Theater, 7 p.m., \$14

Saturday, Oct. 7

> "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest," Applied Arts 210, 7 p.m., Free

> Randy Sabien - "A Tribute to Stephane Grappelli," Mabel Tainter Theater, 7 p.m., \$16

> Derek...From Hooch, Acoustic Cafe, 8 p.m., Free

Tuesday, Oct. 10

> Redefinition of Identity, The Terrace, 8 p.m., Free

Friday, Oct. 13

> MTG Brighton Beach Memoirs, Mabel Tainter Theater, 7 p.m., \$12

Saturday, Oct. 14

> Cartoons and cocktails, Badabing'z, 8 a.m.

> Homecoming Parade, 11 a.m.

> Tracy Lea Candis, Acoustic Cafe, 8 p.m., Free

Tuesday, Oct. 17

> Let it Out Dialogue Series: Same Sex Marriage, Huff's, 5 p.m., Free

Thursday, Oct. 19

> "Living With Pride: The Ruth Ellis Story," Home Ec 131, 10 a.m., Free

> Matk Sary, Badabing'z, 10 p.m., Free

Friday, Oct. 20

> Frozen Tundra, Badabing'z, 10 p.m., Free

Saturday, Oct. 21

> Dr. McGillicuddy's Party, Badabing'z

> Travis and Johnny, Acoustic Cafe, 8 p.m., Free

Wednesday, Oct. 25

> "After Stonewall," Ballroom A, 6 p.m., Free

> Reception to Celebrate LGBT History Month, Ally Center, 8 p.m., Free

Thursday, Oct. 26

> Open Mic, Acoustic Cafe, 8 p.m., Free

TNO offers fun for everyone

By Ellen Schuetz
Entertainment Writer

Bored and don't know what to do on a Thursday night? Then go check out Thursday Night Out.

This free event, sponsored by Blue Devil Productions, happens every Thursday at the Rec Center in the Student Memorial Center. It goes from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

There are many activities to keep interest high and boredom far away. Where else can students go and bowl for free?

The Rec. Center offers eight bowling lanes, which are constantly being used by students. Anyone who wants to bowl should come early to the Rec Center to reserve a lane, because they fill up fast.

It's a lot of fun for a bunch of friends to hang out and laugh at how horrible their bowling skills are.

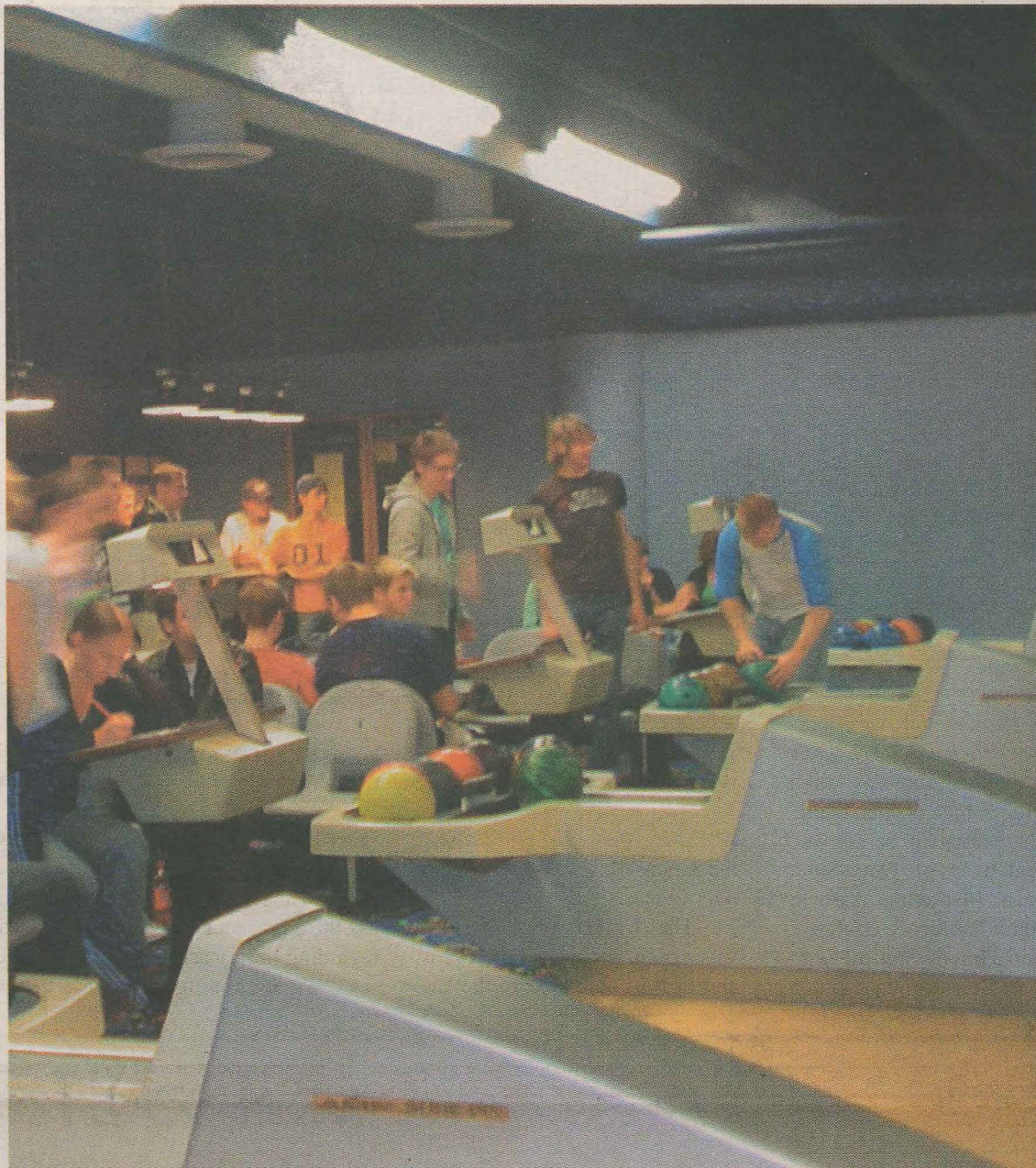
Pool tables are also available. These fill up fast too, so be prepared for a little bit of a wait. But it's worth it for the free fun.

At the main desk there is a wheel that students can spin to win free or discounted food from The Pawn.

There is also a prize drawing every week. At 10 p.m. entrants have a chance to win a prize. The prizes range from DVDs to chairs to video games and sometimes even DVD players.

Blue Devil Productions often attends Thursday Night Out to promote events. They keep students up to date on the upcoming entertainment that they sponsor for students.

Occasionally there is a live band that plays in the Rec. Center on Thursday nights. Sit around on one of the many couches and listen to the grooves, or listen while bowling with friends or exercising



Ellen Schuetz/Stoutonia

The University Rec Center and Blue Devil Productions host a night of fun for UW-Stout students on Thursdays. Those who attend Thursday Night Out can participate in the free bowling, pool and occasionally live music.

your skills at pool.

The music is always plenty loud so it can be heard from anywhere in the Rec Center and surrounding areas, such as the arcade game area just outside the front of the Rec. Center.

Last week, the bands White Light Riot and This World Fair played.

There are many chances to hear live bands such as these, at Thursday Night Out. Dur-

ing these nights the Rec. Center attendance doubles, and is filled with people.

There are many upcoming bands that play at future Thursday Night Out's. Mighty Short Bus will be playing on Oct. 5. They are a "diverse rock band" that plays many different genres.

Mark Mallman and Superhopper will be playing on Oct. 19. Mark takes '70s and '80s

rock and puts his own spin on it. Straight out of Minnesota, Superhopper plays hard rock anthems.

On Oct. 26, BDP will be hosting an Open Mic Night. All students are welcome to come and listen or even participate if they wish.

The stage is open to all sorts of acts such as musical acts, comedy and poetry.

2006 Homecoming festivities look promising indeed

By Jenna Wojan
Entertainment Writer

Anticipation is building as The University of Wisconsin-Stout gears up for Homecoming 2006: Pirate Invasion.

Monday kicks off the week with penny wars between campus organizations. It begins at 9 a.m. and continues until 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 12. Jars are located at the Student Organization Center desk. Monday afternoon, a pirate softball tournament will be held at Wakanda Park at 2:30 p.m.

A sidewalk chalk drawing competition and the soapbox derby construction will begin Tuesday at noon and last un-

til 2:30 p.m. on the Memorial Student Center's south lawn.

Judges will be evaluating derby cars' construction, use of the homecoming theme, creativity, and overall impression. Races will begin at 4 p.m. on Wilson Avenue and West 2nd street.

Wednesday night at 7 p.m. there will be an amateur pirate show, which will be held in the Great Hall of the MSC.

Participants will be judged on originality of the pirate name, creativity, overall performance, crowd reaction and use of the homecoming theme.

The couch-a-thon begins at noon on the MSC south lawn and continues until Friday at 4:30 p.m.

Later that night there will be a pirate joke telling contest on the south lawn at 8 p.m. along with live performances by folk singer-songwriter Emila Dahlin and electronica band, Endless Blue.

The coronation of the 2006 King and Queen will take place on Friday after the 8 p.m. performance by hypnotist Christopher Carter in the Great Hall. Each organization will receive points based on the percentage of people attending from their respective groups.

On Saturday, the homecoming parade begins at 11 a.m.

The homecoming football game begins at 1 p.m. at the Don and Nona Williams Stadium.

The homecoming royalty

court will be introduced at halftime, along with the announcement of the parade winners and organization spirit award winners.

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Placebo provides fresh dose of musical entertainment

Chris Moellering
Entertainment Writer

For the first time in three years, alt-rock group Placebo will be co-headlining a United States tour to support their latest album, "Meds."

"Meds" is due to hit stores Oct. 9 and the tour will make key stops in Minneapolis, Chicago, and Cleveland leading up to the release.

Although this is Placebo's first US tour in three years, they have been anything but silent in other parts of the world. Over the summer, Placebo played over 30 European festivals and headlined outdoor shows.

Their upcoming release is one of the most anticipated of the

year. It will be their first studio album since their 2003 release of "Sleeping with Ghosts."

That album became popular with the European indie crowd and launched the band into the mainstream, selling 1.65 million copies and reaching the top 10 in the United Kingdom.

At that time Placebo established a world-wide audience base by selling out arenas in all corners of the world. To celebrate their 2004 singles collection, "Once more with Feeling," Placebo played in front of a sold-out Wembley Arena.

"Meds" will be Placebo's fifth studio album. With this album they have stripped away the layers, returned to their roots, and got to the heart of their music.

After ten years of playing music, this band continues to grow and their live shows continue to be powerful and engaging.

This power trio is characterized by their dark alt-rock sound comparable to The Cure and The Pixies.

Brian Molko, singer and guitarist for the band, gains his influence from his heritage. Molko is part Scottish, part American, and he grew up in Britain. Bassist Stephan Oldsal, who formed Placebo with Molko, is originally from Sweden.

Placebo will be joined on tour by the similarly sounding group, She Wants Revenge. The two bands decided to join forces out of pure admiration for one another.



Source: <http://www.svetdvd.cz>

European-based alt. rock band finally begins tour in the U.S.

Landis continues to rock

Local artist to perform at Acoustic Cafe

By Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

Tracy Lea Landis, former lead singer for The Curbfeelers, will be performing on Saturday, Oct. 14 at the Acoustic Café. The two-hour show will begin at 8 p.m.

Landis performed with The Curbfeelers in Menomonie for about a decade. She came to the University of Wisconsin-Stout as a 27-year-old freshman, playing open stage in the Memorial Student Center.

Landis began performing in open jams at the Stonestrow in Eau Claire every Monday.

Shortly after graduating in 1989 from the University with a degree in apparel design, she encountered her first experience as a backup singer on a friend's recording project, and Landis's musical career blossomed from there.

"I was in the Student Union when I first heard my voice on the radio with the Aircraft hit 'Somewhere' in spring of 1991" said Landis.

She had graduated from the University but still came to campus to do research and attend events.

The Aircraft hit sold well internationally and stayed on the charts for four months.

Eventually Landis joined The Craig Barr Band.

They performed together around Eau Claire and surrounding communities, making the news more than once for their energetic, if not intense, performances.

After that, Landis found The Curbfeelers and they rocked the Menomonie/Eau Claire area for close to a decade.

Now she exercises her talent as she takes her various influences and sculpts them into a style all her own.

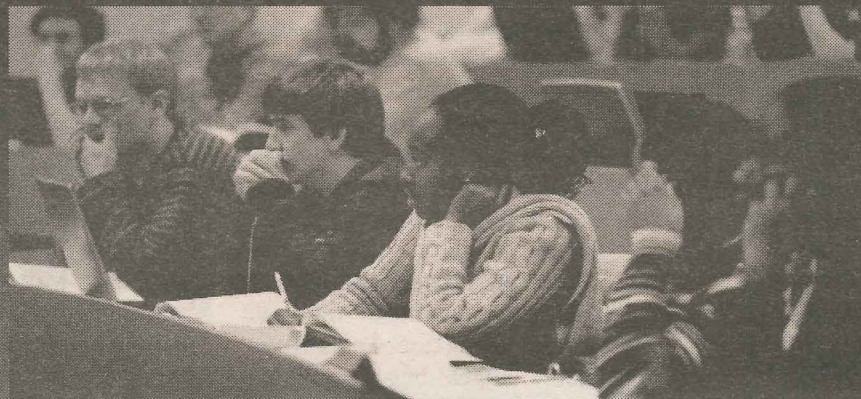
She has teamed up with fellow performers in the area, including Howard "Guitar" Luedtke, who recently played at the Mabel Tainter's BBQ and Blues.

When not rocking out on stage, Landis teaches guitar for the ACT School of The Arts in Menomonie.

She has also been a producer and member of the Eau Claire public access channel since 1993 and hosts a half-hour show called "Tracy Lea Landis Presents," which airs regularly on cable channel 11.

More information about Landis can be found on her music website, www.geocities.com/SunsetStrip/Stage/8930.

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Chance to win up to five grand in prizes

By Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

Pimp Your Crib, a Miller promotion, will begin this Thursday night at the Buck. One lucky guy or gal will get the chance to deck out his or her pad with great prizes from Miller.

The Miller promotion is a collaboration between Miller and four Menomonie bars: the Buck, the Meet Market, Someplace Else, and Badabing'z. Each bar will host the event on certain nights, with fun activities to participate in and prizes to be won.

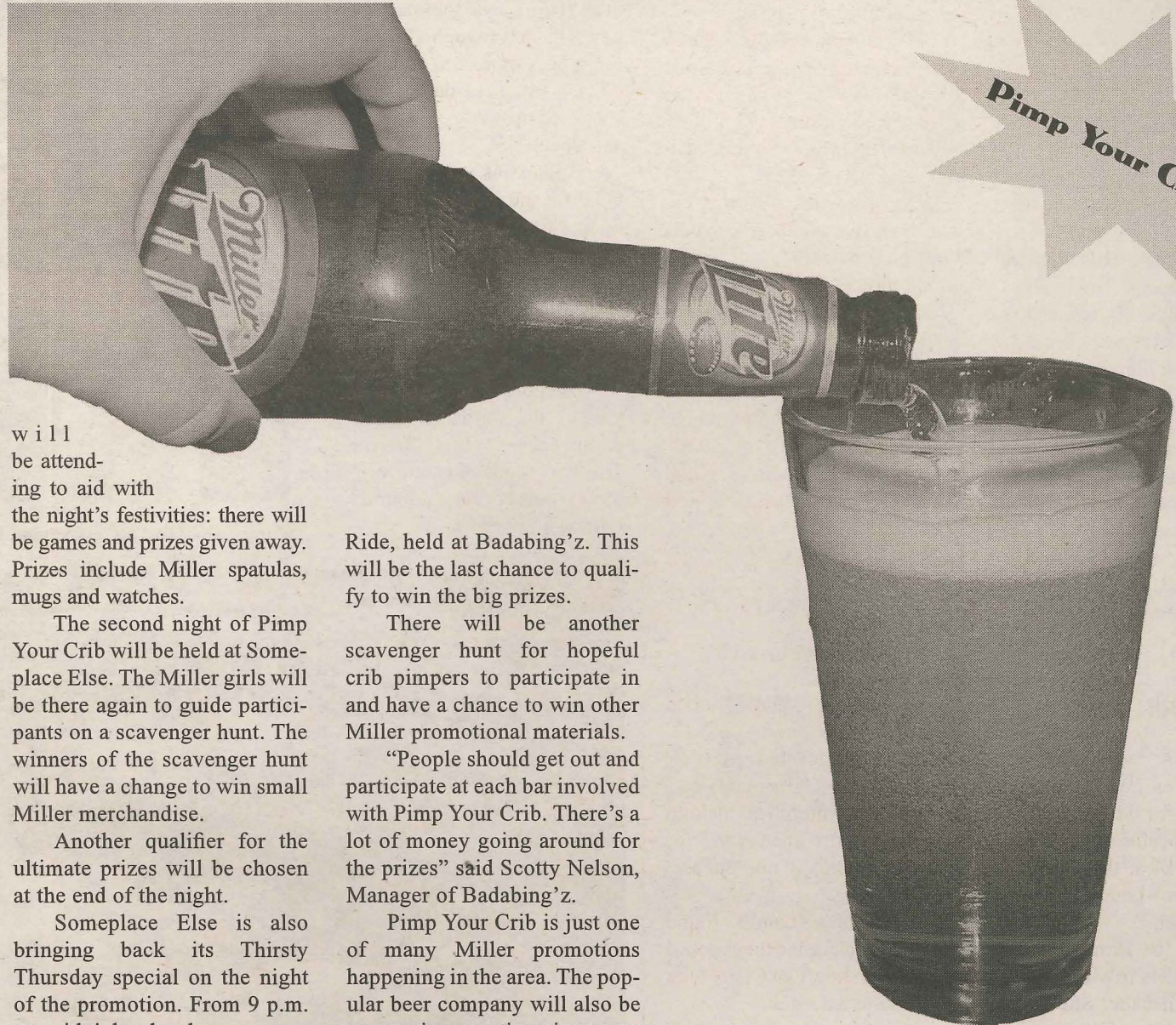
The qualifying round for the month long event will be at the Buck, beginning at 11p.m and lasting until 1 in the morning.

At the kick-off for Pimp Your Crib, raffles will be sold for big prizes courtesy of Miller. People who buy raffles will earn the chance to qualify for the final round of Pimp Your Crib, which will be held at Badabing'z on Oct. 28.

Qualifiers will get the chance to be selected to win a score of prizes with which to pimp his or her crib.

The prizes, totaling between \$3,000 and \$4,000, include a custom-built Neon, an iChair with built-in speakers that cooperates with any iPod, a Miller vending machine that holds up to four different kinds of beverages, and a plasma TV.

Those who participate in the kick-off night will be able to enjoy the Buck's two dollar brat and chips. Miller Genuine Draft and Miller Light will also be on special. The Miller Brew Crew



Chelsea Rickert/Stoutonia

will be attending to aid with the night's festivities: there will be games and prizes given away. Prizes include Miller spatulas, mugs and watches.

The second night of Pimp Your Crib will be held at Someplace Else. The Miller girls will be there again to guide participants on a scavenger hunt. The winners of the scavenger hunt will have a chance to win small Miller merchandise.

Another qualifier for the ultimate prizes will be chosen at the end of the night.

Someplace Else is also bringing back its Thirsty Thursday special on the night of the promotion. From 9 p.m. to midnight, bar-hoppers can pay a cover charge of \$8, which will buy an "all you can drink" pass for bars and rails.

The Meet Market will host the third night of Pimp Your Crib with the help of the Miller Brew Crew. The night begins at 11 p.m. on Oct. 19.

Saturday Oct. 28 will be the final round of Pimp Your

Ride, held at Badabing'z. This will be the last chance to qualify to win the big prizes.

There will be another scavenger hunt for hopeful crib pimpers to participate in and have a chance to win other Miller promotional materials.

"People should get out and participate at each bar involved with Pimp Your Crib. There's a lot of money going around for the prizes" said Scotty Nelson, Manager of Badabing'z.

Pimp Your Crib is just one of many Miller promotions happening in the area. The popular beer company will also be sponsoring vacation giveaways and other types of prizes.

"Culture Warrior" attacks secular-progressivists

Chris Moellering
Entertainment Writer

Are traditional values in the United States in danger? TV pundit and radio host Bill O'Reilly believes so. In his newest book, "Culture Warrior," O'Reilly uses his hard-headed authority to explain that the values many Americans hold dear are under attack by a new secular-progressive movement.

In "Culture Warrior" O'Reilly defines the war between traditionalists and secular-progressives and makes it clear that it is a conflict that differs from the ordinary liberal versus conservative battle. He claims that the secular-progressives believe America is in a bad way and they want to do away with 230 years of tradition that founded this country and made it great.

O'Reilly dissects the secu-

lar-progressive agenda and shows how secular-progressives have their hands in every function and level of our government. He explains how the secular-progressives are taking the power away from ordinary voters and putting it in the hands of corrupt judges that can change 230 years of tradition with a single stroke of a pen.

O'Reilly claims that the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is the ring leader of this kind of behavior, as they have often designed legal maneuvers to ensure secular policies without ever having to go to the ballot box.

These secular-progressives that O'Reilly fears can be found everywhere and have the luxury of the mainstream media to support their cause. O'Reilly feels that these secular-progressives want to eliminate the displaying

of religion in public and he uses the efforts made to get rid of prayer in school as an example of how they plan on doing so.

O'Reilly claims that if the secular-progressives get their way, "America will become a society that places individual self-expression and rights over self-sacrifice and adult responsibility."

O'Reilly confronts this battle in a way that only he can, by diving in head first and eliminating the "spin." Anyone who has watched his program knows he is no stranger to confrontation and actually looks forward to it. With three number one bestsellers and two Emmy awards for excellence in reporting, O'Reilly is accustomed to success. With first week sales soaring to first place on Barnes and Nobles bestseller list, "Culture Warrior" appears to be another notch on O'Reilly's belt.

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"Crank" fast enough to get anyone's blood pumping

Jerome Butchee
Entertainment Writer

After waking up disoriented and confused, Chev Chelios, played by Jason Statham, is later informed that today is the day he dies in the movie "Crank."

Now, if some bald headed dummy left me a video message saying how he injected a Chinese synthetic into my body while I was asleep in my own house, I would probably start laughing and carry on with life. Unfortunately Chev Chelios is a professional assassin and he has just pissed off the criminal world of Los Angeles.

Before thinking that this is just another lame end-of-summer action movie clone, understand that this is like "The Transporter 3," minus Statham driving an awesome car for the entire movie.

Some have theorized that it is completely impossible for a good movie to be made entirely of action and very small scenes of genuine conversation. "Crank" has successfully and officially proven that theory false. Jason Statham's character is so determined to dish out revenge on such a tight schedule that he really doesn't have time for chit-chat.

This tight death timetable was all made possible by an angry crime boss Verona, played by Jose Pablo Cantillo, of the rival crime syndicate.

Verona's present to Chelios was the Beijing cocktail, a drug that slowly shuts down his heart by diminishing adrenaline levels. Any normal person would rush to the hospital, but this is Chelios and his profession does not include health insurance.

The entire movie from this point on is similar to being on a roller coaster that constantly keeps climbing toward the peak.

The only thing that could be used as a comparison would be the video game "Grand Theft Auto."

In that video game you could basically do anything you



The movie "Crank" is filled with action sequences that break the mold of conventional action movies. Jason Statham plays an assassin out for vengeance on a crime boss. Source: <http://www.allmoviephoto.com>

want to cause chaos in a large city, this is like "Crank!"

Now, in the wrong hands this movie could have ended up looking like "Mission Impossible III" or some other bland, can't-even-get-the-explosions-right rip-off filler movie.

Jason Statham brings this entire tornado of a movie together with the determination

for vengeance. The rest of the characters bring humor in the perfect places to keep viewers from feeling overwhelmed by the constant editing and dark style.

With Guy Ritchie unloading British gangster movies with stylized editing onto the masses, many editors thought they could pull a copy and paste job on any movie

that involves criminal elements. Wrong, it just can't happen.

Or can it?

"Crank" is the first American movie to actually add something to the world of editing.

Some of the experimental editing tricks do not work, but most of it works very well and flows with the highly energized escapades of Chev Chelios.

Just like an awesome dream, "Crank" comes out of nowhere with some familiar and major original ideas that are all brought collectively together by Jason Statham and the directors Mark Neveldine and Brian Taylor.

Perhaps there is hope for Hollywood.

SIGGRAPH hosts upcoming Animation Film Festival on campus

By Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

The student chapter of Special Interest Group on Graphics and Interactive Techniques is hosting SIGGRAPH 2006 Animation Film Festival Screenings on Monday, Oct. 9 in Applied Arts 210.

The University of Wisconsin-Stout chapter of SIGGRAPH will be hosting the movie night in three parts. All of the movies shown on Monday will be computer animated films from designers who are part of the SIGGRAPH firm.

Part one will begin at 6:45 p.m. and last until 8 p.m. Part two will last for an hour and fifteen minutes, beginning at 8:15

p.m. The final installment of the film festival will begin at 9:45 p.m. and end at 10:50 p.m.

Viewers are welcome to attend one screening or all three. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Each year SIGGRAPH hosts an annual conference on computer graphics convened by the organization.

The 34th Annual International Conference on Computer Graphics and Interactive Techniques will be held in San Diego, Cali from Aug. 5 to Aug. 9 of 2007. Many entrants will vie for the spotlight with their new computer generated cinematic adventures.

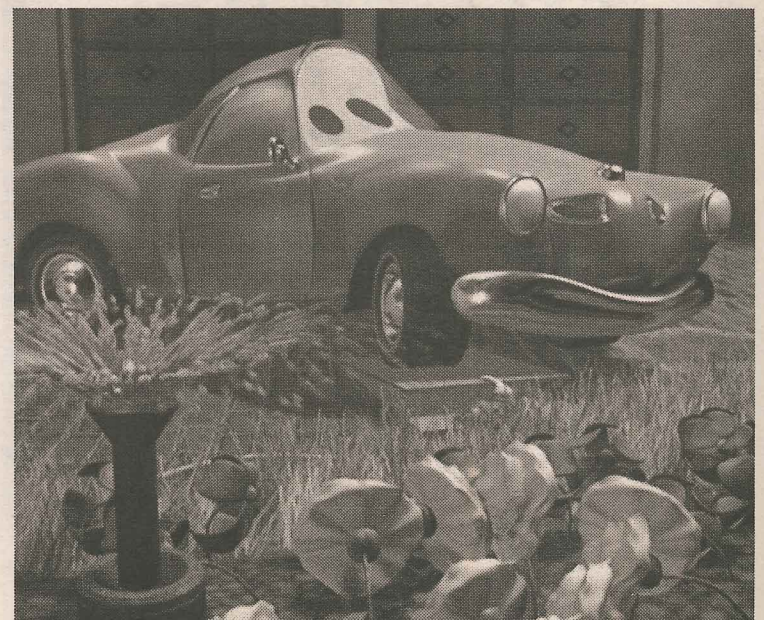
Recently-created CG films are played, and there is a large exhibition floor where sev-

eral hundred companies set up elaborate booths and compete for attention and recruits. There are also many booths for schools which specialize in computer graphics or interactivity.

SIGGRAPH supports education in computer graphics in high school and post-secondary schools. They host a website for educators to help with curriculum studies and other educational projects.

Students can join SIGGRAPH for \$25 per year. The UW-Stout student chapter is one of ten student chapters involved with SIGGRAPH.

More information about what SIGGRAPH includes can be found at the official web site, www.siggraph.org.

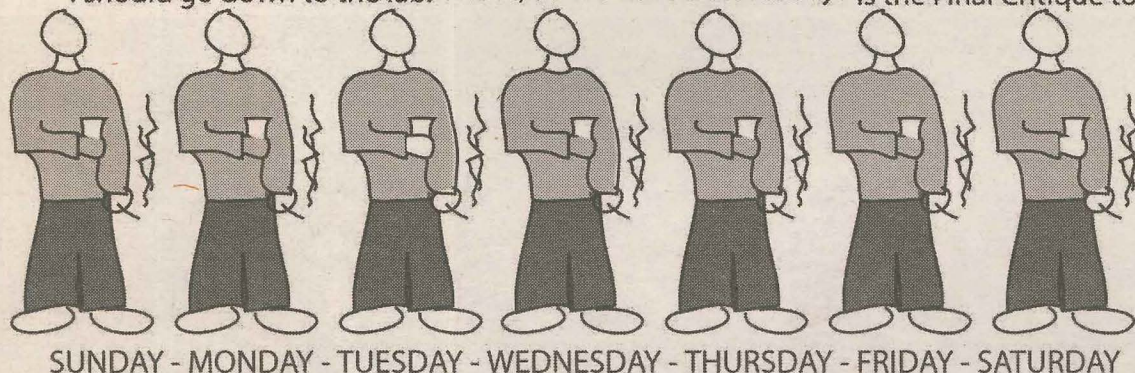


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SIGGRAPH film festival on campus displays computer graphic artwork to students.

Too Many Jokes

by Drew Retherford

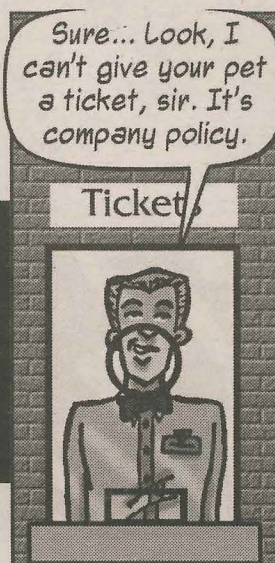
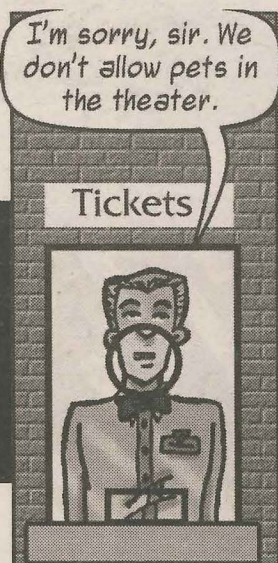
Man, I should go study. Oh, I forgot to read that chapter. When was that due? Paper? What paper? Eh, I'll get up early and do it in the morning. I should go down to the lab. Shoot, do we have a test today? Is the Final Critique tomorrow? Yeah, I'll go out for just one. Okay, maybe two.



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Walker and Milo: A Trip Down Memory Lane

by Kyle Kingston



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Men's cross country takes year to rebuild

By Josh Parshley
Sports Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout men's cross country team has had a shaky start this season. The team raced in an alumni meet and two competitive meets.

"They were more prepared than any other team before," said coach Josh Buchholtz.

The team raised the bar this summer when practicing in the off-season. Buchholtz also said that the returning upperclassmen worked hard. Some of the runners ran an average of 90 to 100 miles a week.

"To prepare for the season we just had to put on miles," said junior David Schonscheck, a packaging major. "The only way to become a better runner is to run and then run some more. This year is a rebuilding year. This is a young team. The freshmen are the key to our success."

"The freshmen have adjusted well to racing 8,000 meter races as opposed to 5,000 meter races that they ran in high school."

As for the returning runners, he said that they have been racing at their best.

The team placed 10th of 18 at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside Invite on Sept. 16.

The team then placed 12th of 15 at the Blugold Invitational last week on Sept. 29. The team now has a week off before their next meet on Oct. 14 at the Jim Drews Invitational in La Crosse, Wis.

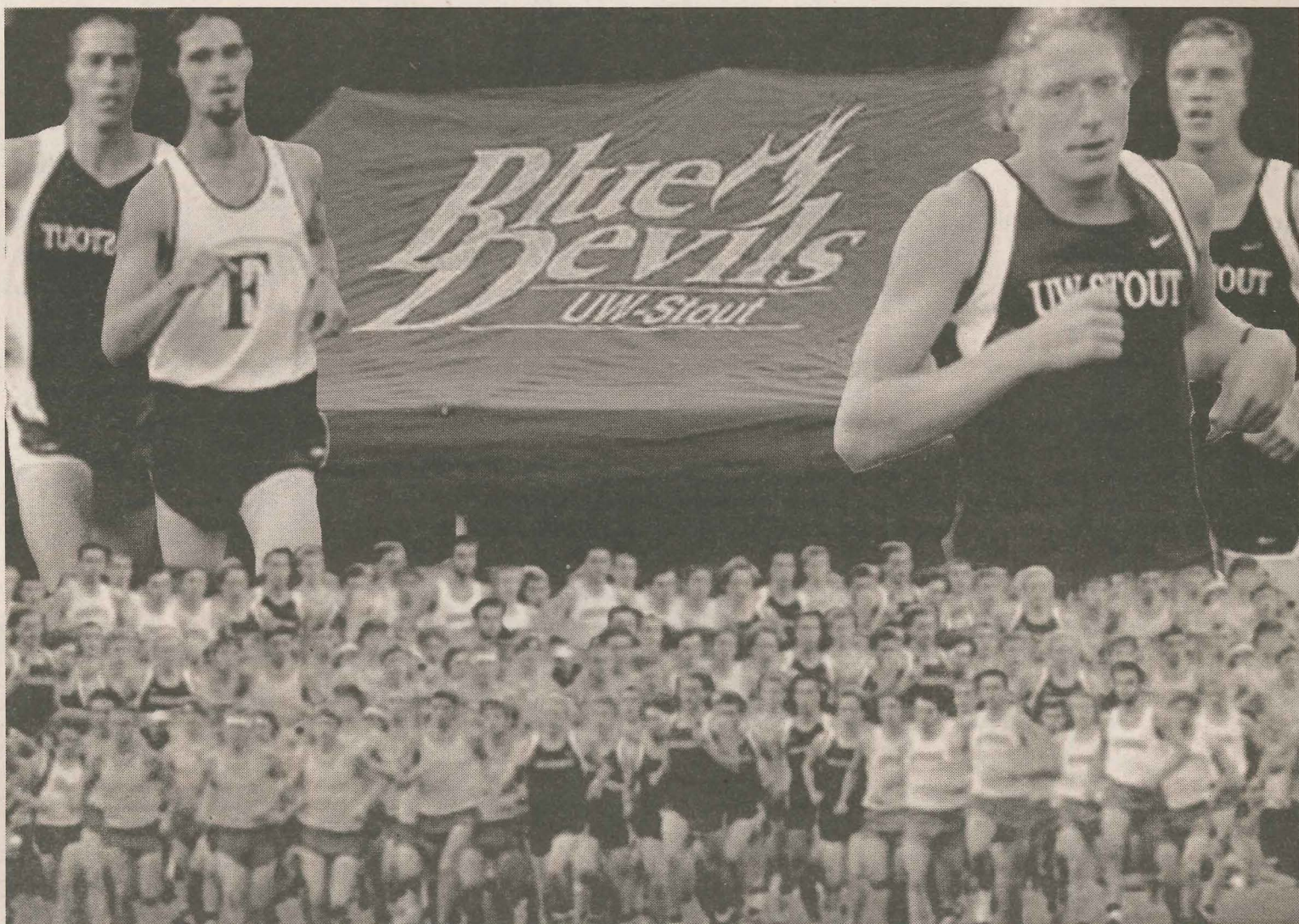
"The team is running 75 to 85 miles a week," said Buchholtz. "We are stepping up the training during the off week and will back off during the week of the meet."

Buchholtz also said the team will soon be starting their peak training.

During that time, the team will be focusing on pure racing. Buchholtz said he wants the team to peak when it counts.

"There are a couple of things we do each week to improve," said Schonscheck. "One thing we do when working out is mile repeats or thresholds."

He also said the team will



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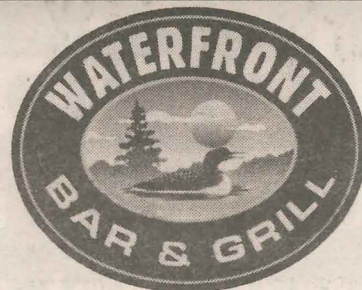
Men's cross country is taking the year to rebuild the team. Freshmen have contributed greatly to their success this season.

have two practices per day to improve even more.

The main goal, Buchholtz said, "is for the team to step up in the conference." He wants the team to perform as good as or better than last year's team. Besides improving performance, he wants the freshmen to gain experience throughout this year. Since the freshmen are the future, he wants them to improve as much as possible.

"Bigger meets, better competition," Buchholtz said about the rest of the season. The team will be seeing better teams this year, unlike past years.

"The team will be able to measure up to them, and they will be able to get an idea of where they stand," said Buchholtz. He also said the outcome of the season will be determined a lot by how the freshmen perform. He hopes that two to three of the top runners are freshmen.



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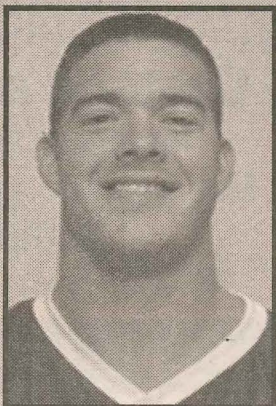
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ATHLETE Week

THE FACTS: Football: A senior from New Auburn, Wis. majoring in business, Jesse Wendt is the UW-Stout athlete of the week.

Wendt gave UW-Stout an advantage after returning a 90 yard kickoff. They scored a touchdown, putting them in the lead. They lost the game 31-27. Wendt finished the game with three kickoff returns for 135 yards during the game.



Experienced coach improves golf program



Casey Nold
Sports Editor

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's golf team will witness major upgrades to their program. Coach Kris Schoonover brings a long history of golf success to the UW-Stout program.

Schoonover coached at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh when their team was just starting and built it into an amazing golf program.

"I really enjoyed developing a program at UW-Oshkosh," Schoonover said. "To watch the team and the playing ability of the players grow was fun and rewarding."

Now, she is working to rebuild UW-Stout's golf program for the women student athletes interested in every aspect of golf.

"I want to create awareness for UW-Stout's program," said

Schoonover. "I want to provide the best for the student athletes and it is going to take years to develop that kind of program."

Currently the team consists of five players, which Schoonover said is ideal for the rebuilding process. As the program develops, the number of participants is expected to grow as well.

"There are a number of people with interest, but building a team is different," said Schoonover. "We compete with five players and the goal would be to have seven or eight strong individuals to keep the group building."

Though the team hasn't posted impressive scores in the fall portion of competition, Schoonover feels the athletes are making positive progress.

"Golf is more technical and it is amazing to me how much they are learning," said Schoonover. She went on to say that golf is a difficult sport, having more to do with ability than with mere physicality. According to Schoonover, the team has been very receptive to her instruction, picking up the various nuances of club selection and shot approach.

Schoonover's golfers are quick to praise their coach.

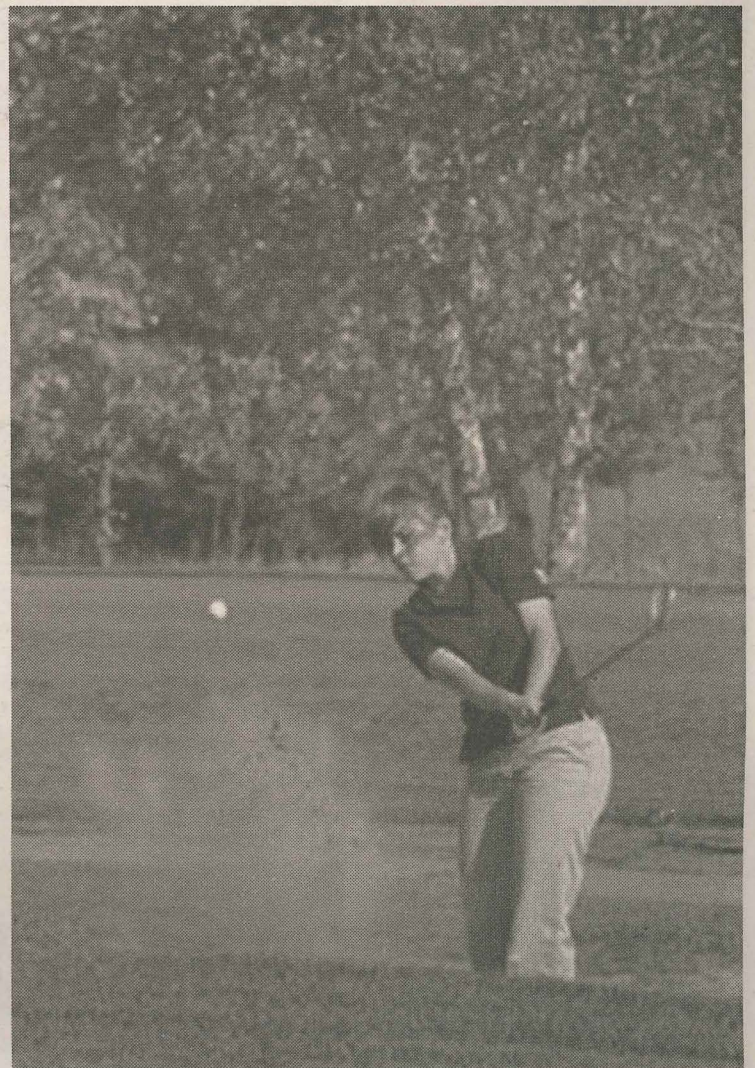
"I have recently joined the team and Coach Schoonover has helped me tremendously through these three weeks," said freshman Cadi O'Connell, an early childhood education major. "Schoonover is a fabulous coach and knows exactly what she is doing at all times. Coach has taught me a lot about my swing, competing and working together as a team at the college level."

"Coach Schoonover has helped us greatly," said sophomore Molly Loney, a business major. "She knows the game very well and has a lot of experience at this level. She's helped each one of us and I know she's been recruiting students to help the program's future."

Even with all of the changes going on within the program, the girls still must compete.

Oct. 7 and 8 is the WIAC Championships which will be held at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater at 9 a.m.

"We aren't going to be on top, but in a couple years, yeah," said Schoonover regarding the championships.



Source: www.uwstout.edu/athletics

The women's golf team faces program changes heading into the WIAC Championships.

UW-Stout sports on FOX

Teams to receive national exposure

By Casey Nold
Sports Editor

The University of Wisconsin-Stout football and soccer teams have earned the honor of being broadcast on FOX Sports Network North.

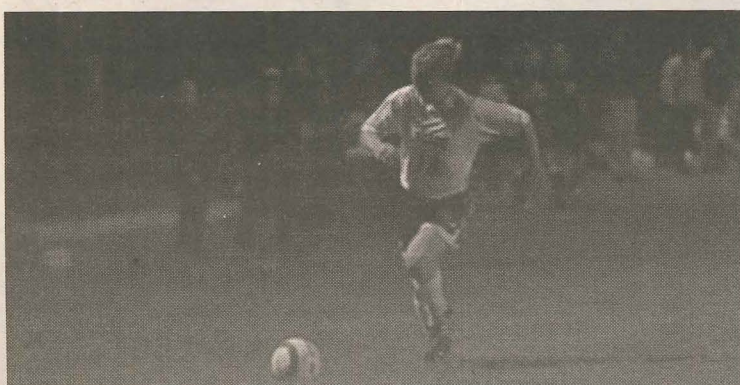
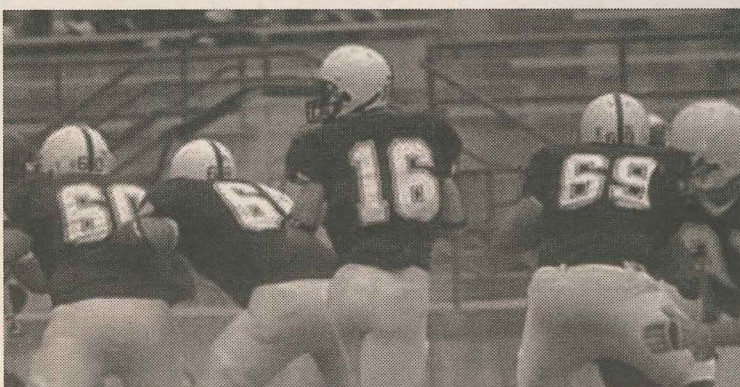
The football team played at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville on Saturday Sept. 30.

UW-Stout lost 31 to 27, but the game was still exciting enough to be named the

WIAC Championship Game of the Week.

The UW-Stout women's soccer team earned its first conference victory against the University of Wisconsin-Superior at home on Saturday, Sept. 30 with a score of 2-0.

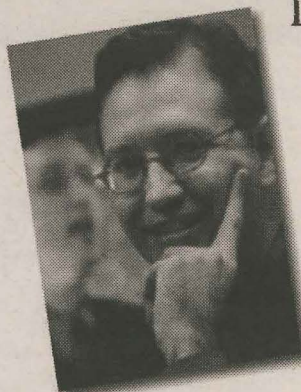
The soccer team hosted the University of Wisconsin-River Falls last night, and the game will broadcast on FSN North on Sunday, Oct. 8 at 2 p.m.



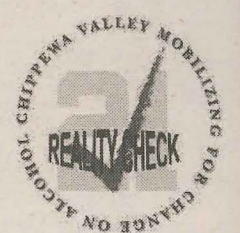
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Top: Football's UW-Platteville loss makes WIAC game of the week. Bottom: Soccer wins first conference victory against UW-Superior. The UW-River Falls game will be broadcast on FSN.

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SOCCER (2-7)

FINAL 2-0

The soccer team beat UW-Superior for their first conference win
Next Game:
Oct. 7 and UW-Whitewater



FOOTBALL (2-2)

FINAL 27-31

Football lost to UW-Platteville, but the game was named the WIAC game of the week
Next Game:
Oct. 7 hosting UW-Oshkosh



WOMEN'S CC

6th of 17

The women's cross country team placed 6th at the Blugold Invitational
Next Game:
Oct. 14 Tori Neubauer Invitational



WOMEN'S GOLF

7th of 8

Women's golf finished 7th out of 8 teams at the UW-Stevens Point Invite
Next game:
Oct. 7-8 at UW-Whitewater for the WIAC Championships



VOLLEYBALL (13-4)

FINAL 3-2

Volleyball beat Lakeland College for their 12th win
Next Game:
Wednesday Oct. 7 at UW-Platteville



UW-Stout water ski team rides the waves like no other

By Joshua E. Fox
Sports Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout water ski team is well into their fall season. They are on the waters of Lake Menomin every year until the first ice and then right after the spring thaw.

They participate in three-event skiing which consists of slalom, trick skiing and trick jumping. They also hold tournaments in the events of wakeboarding and barefooting.

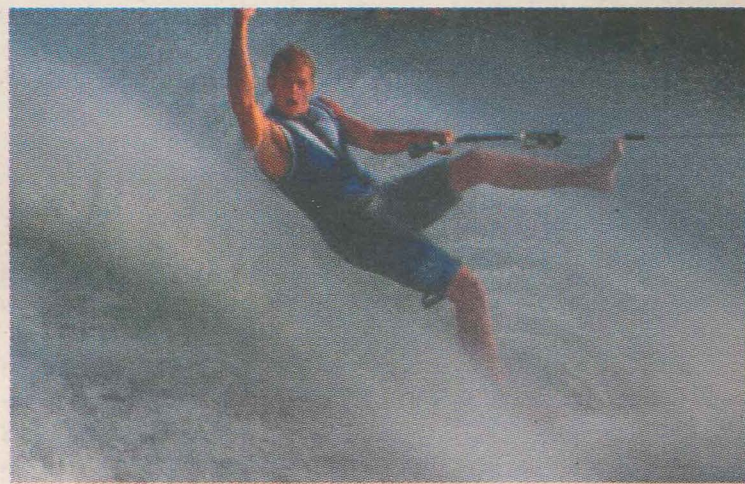
The team holds a barefoot tournament at the beginning of May every year called The Frostbite Figure Eight, which is held on Lake Menomin. Some of the barefooters that participate in this tournament are nationally renowned and participate in na-

tional tournaments, such as The National Water Ski Show Championship and Footstock.

The UW-Stout water ski team consists of 55 members, most of which ski on a regular basis. Of the 55 members, 25 are freshmen and only two will be graduating this year. This year they skied with the Chetek Hydroflites, who ski on Lake Chetek in Chetek, Wis. and the Ski Sprites, who ski on Half Moon Lake in Eau Claire, Wis.

Over the winter season they do many things as a team. Team members participate in fund-raisers, buy and sell their own boats and ski in Georgia over spring break.

They work hard as a team year round. Some of the team



Source: www.uwstout.edu/athletics

The UW-Stout water ski team practices hard as a team, but gets to perform fun tricks out on the water.

members ski on a team over the summer, like the Ski Broncs Water Ski Show Team from Loves Park, Ill.

More information about the team and how to join can be found online at www.uwstout-waterski.com.



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A team photo of the water skiers was taken at the Backyard Bash to start off their fall season. The team will compete until the water freezes.

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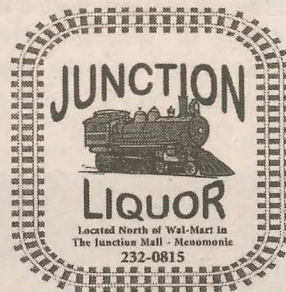
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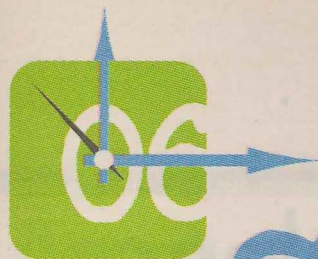
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Crazy pirates suit up for homecoming week



Kyle Kingston/Stoutonia

Was ever a more fearsome collection of pirates assembled? Pirate invasion is the theme for this year's homecoming festivities, which should help explain the attire of The Diversity Group, comprised of the Black Student Union, the Hmong Stout Student Organization, the International Relations Association and Latinos Unidos.

Breast cancer awareness steps forward at Stout

By Jenny Stabenow
News Writer

October is the month of pink ribbons, the official Breast Cancer Awareness month. For more than 20 years, this month has educated both women and men across the nation about breast cancer.

Every year, 211,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer and 43,000 die. Every year, 211,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer and 43,000 will die. This month is not just for women, though. Many people are surprised to learn that each year 1,600 men are also diagnosed with breast cancer and 400 die from it.

Next to lung cancer, breast cancer is the most common form of fatal cancerous infections.

One in every ten women are diagnosed with this type of cancer and the possibility of getting breast cancer increases with age. Nearly 50 percent of breast cancer patients are over



Jason Harsh/Stoutonia

The University of Wisconsin-Stout has made an outstanding effort throughout the week to raise awareness of breast cancer. Pink ribbons can be found spread all over campus.

the age of 65. It is recommended by the American Cancer Society to get a mammogram at age 40 and to continue getting screened yearly by a physician.

The earlier that cancer is detected, the better the chances

are that it can be effectively treated. Some risk factors of breast cancer include an early onset of menstrual cycle and late menopause.

Also, diets high in saturated fat increase the risk of breast

cancer. A family history of breast cancer increases the risk for other family members.

It is recommended to increase the amount of fiber consumed daily. Eating fresh fruits and vegetables can also help, as

well as limiting alcohol to fewer than two drinks per day.

The use of birth control pills, also known as oral contraceptives, can increase the risk of breast cancer.

Studies have shown that women on the pill are 10 to 30 percent more likely to get breast cancer.

However, once off the pill, the percentages drop.

Although these contraceptives increase the risk of breast cancer, most women who use them are pre-menopausal, which lessens their chances.

Every three minutes a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer. This statistic alone is reason enough to dedicate a month to raising awareness for the disease.

The University of Wisconsin-Stout's Colleges Against Cancer group, which is putting on "Bowling For Boobs," an event hosted in October.

Many more events will be introduced throughout the year.

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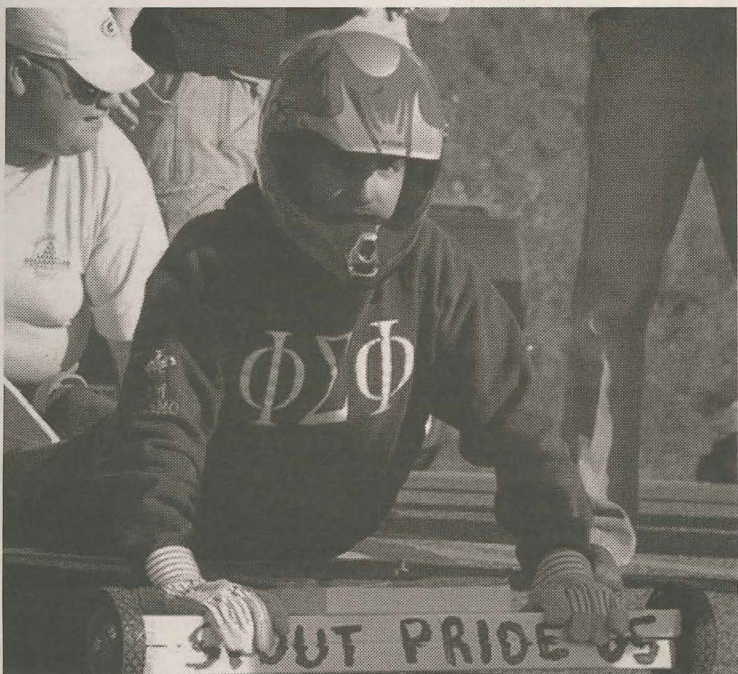
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Phi Sigma Phi against domestic violence



Phi Sigma Phi finds a way to have fun and raise awareness of domestic violence during this year's homecoming festivities.

By Cassie Davis
News Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout chapter of Phi Sigma Phi will be collaborating with The Bridge to Hope to raise community awareness of domestic violence on Tuesday, Oct. 17 at Wilson Park.

Every October, during Domestic Violence Awareness

Month, the Bridge to Hope, a Church-based ministry based in Exton, Penn., holds a candlelight vigil to commemorate victims of domestic violence.

The event, featuring free food, music and guest speakers, will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will wind down between 7:30 and 8 p.m.

Participants in the candlelight vigil will be wearing

buttons to represent victims of domestic violence. The buttons are printed with fictitious names and ages representing actual victims.

Speakers will be giving testimony and support for victims.

The event will also promote the prevention of domestic violence.

Sam Sjostrom, a senior in engineering technology and president of Phi Sigma Phi, says that the vigil is an important event because it "gets the community aware of the scope of the problem."

The brothers of Phi Sigma Phi will assist with set-up of the event and stand in to represent the victims.

According to Sjostrom, the fraternity became involved with The Bridge To Hope when introduced to the program by a fraternity member whose mother worked for the organization. Their involvement began with helping coordinate events such as the candlelight vigil.

Other projects that Phi Sigma Phi have participated in include painting rooms and putting up light fixtures.

Phi Sigma Phi actively promotes other causes as well.

For instance, the Ronald McDonald House.

"Once or twice a semester, we go to the Ronald McDonald House in Rochester, Minn. to volunteer, whether it is to play Bingo or other games or to assist with other activities," said Sjostrom.

The fraternity holds fundraisers to donate money to the Ronald McDonald House.

One such fundraiser, the annual spaghetti dinner is coming up on Tuesday, Nov. 7 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the senior center on the corner of 14th Avenue and Sixth Street.

"The fraternity often do-

nates a large portion of the proceeds to the Ronald McDonald House," said Sjostrom.

Tickets for the dinner are \$5 in advance or \$6 at the door. The dinner includes all-you-can-eat spaghetti, breadsticks and beverages.

Tickets will be sold by the brothers of Phi Sigma Phi at an upcoming carnival located at the Clocktower Plaza on Oct. 28.

For more information or for tickets, contact Sam Sjostrom, president of Phi Sigma Phi, at sjostroms@uwstout.edu.



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Possession of marijuana: 2
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Determined thief

Tuesday, Oct. 3, on the east side of the Memorial Student Center, someone sawed through a 3/8 inch by six foot locked bike cable and stole the bike.

Duck and cover

Tuesday, Oct. 3, a vehicle in parking lot 18 was paint-balled.

Burning ring of fire

Saturday, Oct. 7, the Menomonie Fire Department responded to an area of leaves burning next the Vocational Rehab building. The fire was extinguished and no ignition source was identified.

Coincidence? I think not

Saturday, Oct. 7, a flaming straw bale in the center of Third Street near the Vocational Rehab building was observed. Three other bales were also sighted and removed.

Who jacked my ride?

Thursday, Oct. 5, a bike was stolen from the Applied Arts loading dock.

Lock your bikes, or else

Wednesday, Oct. 4, between the times of 12:15 p.m. and 3:15 p.m., a bike was stolen from outside the Memorial Student Center. Perpetrators are still at large.

Drunk Ninja on campus

Wednesday, Oct. 4, an underage student was spotted walking around North Hall with a bottle of alcohol. When confronted, the student in question left the building and could not

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Area cell phone reception not improving

Cell phone reception problems will continue for University of Wisconsin-Stout students. Two weeks ago Monday, the Menomonie Plan Commission approved sending a cell tower ordinance to the Menomonie City Council without a provision for stealth antennas.

This will cause problems for Verizon Wireless because they have requested stealth application on the UW-Stout campus.

Dave Fischer, a consultant for Verizon Wireless, explained that "stealth application" refers

to cellular antennas placed in a canister mounted inside a flagpole, utility pole or streetlight.

"Some cities have allowed a stealth application where the applicant can show no other alternative," said Fischer.

UW-Stout officials said they will not allow wireless communications antennas to be placed anywhere on campus or on any university buildings.

"Inside of the Stout buildings is where the reception is poor," Fischer said. "There's some coverage, but not as good as it could be."

Midwest Wireless and T-Mobile were also hoping to improve cell phone reception on campus and are expecting to have similar problems.

"It's unfortunate [UW-Stout] is not willing to work with the providers," said Fischer. "It's my understanding that the state gets the money and not Stout."

Paul Peltier, chair of the planning commission, says the intent of the ordinance was to encourage companies to locate antennas into one place.

"We're close to having something on paper that's close to what we wanted to do," said Peltier.

Suggestions from plan commission members for other locations to benefit the cellular antennas included the Hosford-Rich Apartments on 10th Street, (a publicly-owned building for senior citizen housing), Menomonie High School and the Government Center at 800 Wilson Ave.

Changing the ordinance, noted city administrator Low-

ell Prange, would require extending the current moratorium on cell towers that is in effect until November.

The ordinance regarding wireless telecommunications facilities is expected to be on the agenda for the city council's Oct. 16 meeting.

The city council is also expected to hold a public hearing on the ordinance during the Oct. 16 meeting.

— The Stoutonia Staff

Advertising demystified (or: "how frogs sell beer")

By Tracy Considine
News Editor

Frogs sell beer. What does that even mean? Douglas Gentile, the Director of research at the National Institute on Media in the Family and director at the Media Research Lab at Iowa State University, attempted to explain just how modern advertising works to sell alcohol in his presentation on Wednesday, Oct. 10.

Gentile's presentation, titled "Frogs Sell Beer: The Psychol-

ogy of Advertising and Youth Drinking," was held in the Great Hall of the Memorial Student Center. He had two separate presentations from 2 to 3 p.m. and from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Gentile began his speech by giving examples and facts that advertisers use to draw viewers to a specific product or idea. Advertisers do this because their main power of media is to change cultural norms.

"The media is powerful and realistically far more powerful

than most people will admit," said Gentile.

In general the audience was skeptical. Gentile revealed that on average, it only takes a person three times of seeing a product on a billboard in order to alter the viewer's thoughts about the product.

"Basically, advertising is trying to change human behavior," said Gentile.

Advertisers do this by designing ads that bypass the area of the brain where complex

thoughts are developed, the cortex. Advertisers know the tricks of the trade to keep viewers from thinking critically about their ad.

"If you think you are not

affected by advertising I would venture to say you are more affected than most," said Gentile. "You are so convinced that you

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NEWS for the college attention span

North Korea nuclear test

On Oct. 8, North Korea tested a nuclear device underground. This made them the eighth country in the world to declare nuclear power.

North Korea is thought to have up to ten similar weapons.

Mark Foley's e-mails

Congressman Mark Foley hid his sexual attraction towards teenage men for many years. It was discovered that Foley has been e-mailing and instant messaging scandalous sexual messages to underage men for at least three years. The Republican Party is now in jeopardy in the November elections.

Parents kidnapped daughter

On Julianna Redd's wedding day, she was kidnapped by her parents in an effort to prevent her from marrying Perry Myer.

Her parents were charged with second-degree kidnapping. They could face up to 15 years in prison.

Unadopting a child

Six years ago, Helen Briggs and her husband adopted a foster child they supported in their home. He was adopted at the age of nine. Now the parents want to "un-adopt" him. The boy is bipolar and since the adoption has sexually molested a six-year-old boy and a two-year-old girl.

A rolling tribute

Five thousand motorcyclists rode 40 miles from Columbine High School to Platte Canyon High School to honor the 16-year-old girl who was shot by a gunman in Colorado. The donations from the bikers will be used to help the girls who were taken hostage.

Attempting to drive backwards

A 22-year-old Australian man tried to drive 310 miles in reverse because his failed transmission could not go in a forward gear. He was stopped by the police while traveling 40 mph.

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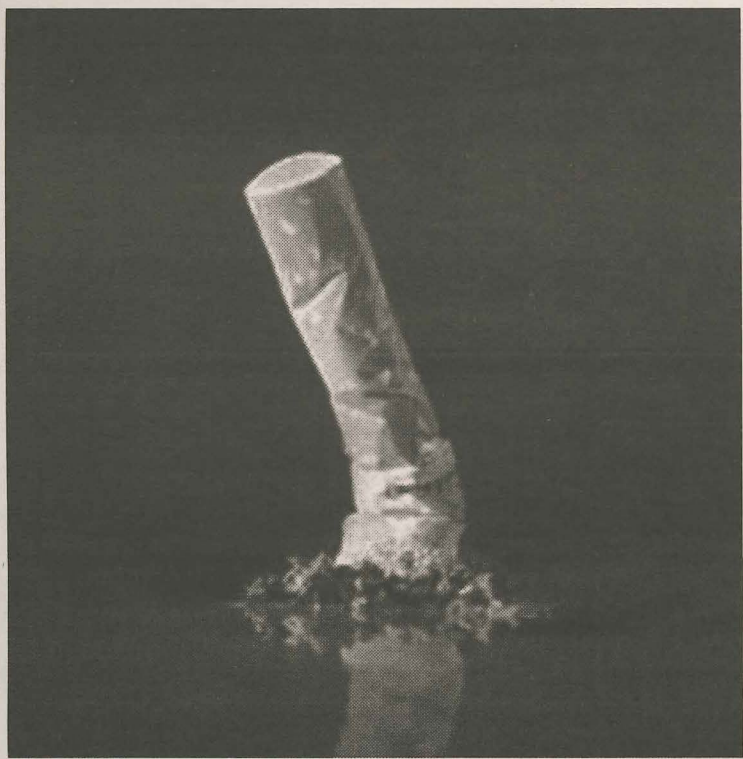
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Smoking ban in Menomonie affects area businesses



Source: www.stop-smoking-info-center.com

The smoking ban in the city of Menomonie has raised controversy with area businesses.

The people of Menomonie are starting to feel the effects of the newly enacted smoking ban for public buildings and places of employment, as well as within five feet of doors, windows and ventilation systems.

The ban became effective on Sept. 12 and there are now

requests to contend it. One of two main requests came from Richard Hanson who presented a written request on Monday.

According to Hanson, the ordinance prohibiting smoking in public places omitted "designated smoking areas" under the section listing exceptions.

This means that the omission to the ordinance has caused — and will cause — disciplinary action against smokers.

Hanson contends that the ordinance recognizes the rights and protects the health of non-smokers, but that ConAgra, along with other employers in the city, recognized the rights of nonsmokers when they established designated smoking areas, which do not permit or invite the public.

Another written request to the city council came from the Menomonie Golf and Country Club.

The ordinance allows smoking in businesses that make 50 percent or more of their profits from the sale of alcohol.

Gail Skamfer, general manager of the Menomonie Golf and Country Club, wrote that the golf course depends on their tavern business, but they do not make 50 percent of their profits from the tavern.

The golf course wishes to keep the tavern open during the off-season from October through March. During this time, the tavern would be the only source of income. Because of the smoking ordinance, Skamfer is concerned

that the income will not cover costs during this time.

"If people cannot smoke, I know we could not generate enough off-season business to stay open," she said.

Skamfer requested that the city council allow smoking at the golf course from 7 p.m. to closing each day of the week from April to September and that smoking be allowed any time during the "off" season from October through March.

City council member Jeff Hoyt suggested that the smoking ban be brought up again

for the next meeting. Mayor Dennis Kropp said he did not see the point in rehashing the smoking ban.

"I hate to make exceptions already because then everyone and their brother will want an exception," he said.

Mayor Kropp said he would think over the proposal, and if he decided against it, they could make a motion to override his decision to get the issue back on the agenda once more.

—The Stoutonia Staff

Ads/ changing views

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are unaffected that you don't even bother to resist the advertising."

Gentile said that there is a four-step process that advertisers will use to manipulate the minds of the public. They first concentrate on building brand awareness, then on building brand preference, promoting product use, ensuring product purchase and finally, building brand loyalty.

"Television is not there to inform or entertain the viewer," said Gentile. "It's there to make sure your eyes are on the screen when the advertisement comes on."

Advertisers also use emotion to cut to the heart of the viewer. Gentile played a commercial that showed a variety of teenagers with excessive piercings. At the end of the commercial, a little girl stuck a needle in her stomach for a diabetes shot while a voice in the background commented that she pierces herself four times daily just to stay alive.

The advertisement didn't

need to ask for money to support diabetic patients. Studies show that just seeing the commercial makes viewers more likely to donate to diabetes-related causes than if they had never seen the ad.

There are five rolls that emotion plays in advertising. Emotion gets the viewers attention, commits the subject to memory, changes attitudes, improves motivation and affects behavior.

"To an advertiser this is a wish list," said Gentile. "The things that we remember most are things that have an emotional importance to you."

For example, an award-winning ad for Levi's Jeans only showed the product for one second out of a sixty second commercial. How is it possible that the ad could be award-winning? It is simply because the ad takes viewers on an emotional rollercoaster from a serious medical scene to a musical in the operating room, then back to the seriousness of a flat-lining patient, only to return to theatrics in the operating room once more. The commercial ends on a humorous note, and the ad is then committed to memory.

"Humor relaxes your critical thinking because once again advertisers don't want you thinking critically about their message," said Gentile.

Alarming, the average American sees an excess of 3,000 advertisements every day. This does not only include television but logos, signs and labels as well. Even more disturbing is that Gentile's research found that by the time the average child graduates from high school, they have spent twice as much time in front of the TV as they have in class. This is why advertisers target children.

Gentile says this is a problem because "advertisers will pay attention to what captures kids attention, health educators most likely do not and that's the difference."

Gentile suggests that if health educators want to win they need to start fighting fire with fire and get kids interested in a way the appeals to them.

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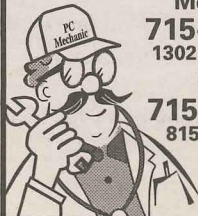
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Staff Editorial The Stoutonia Staff

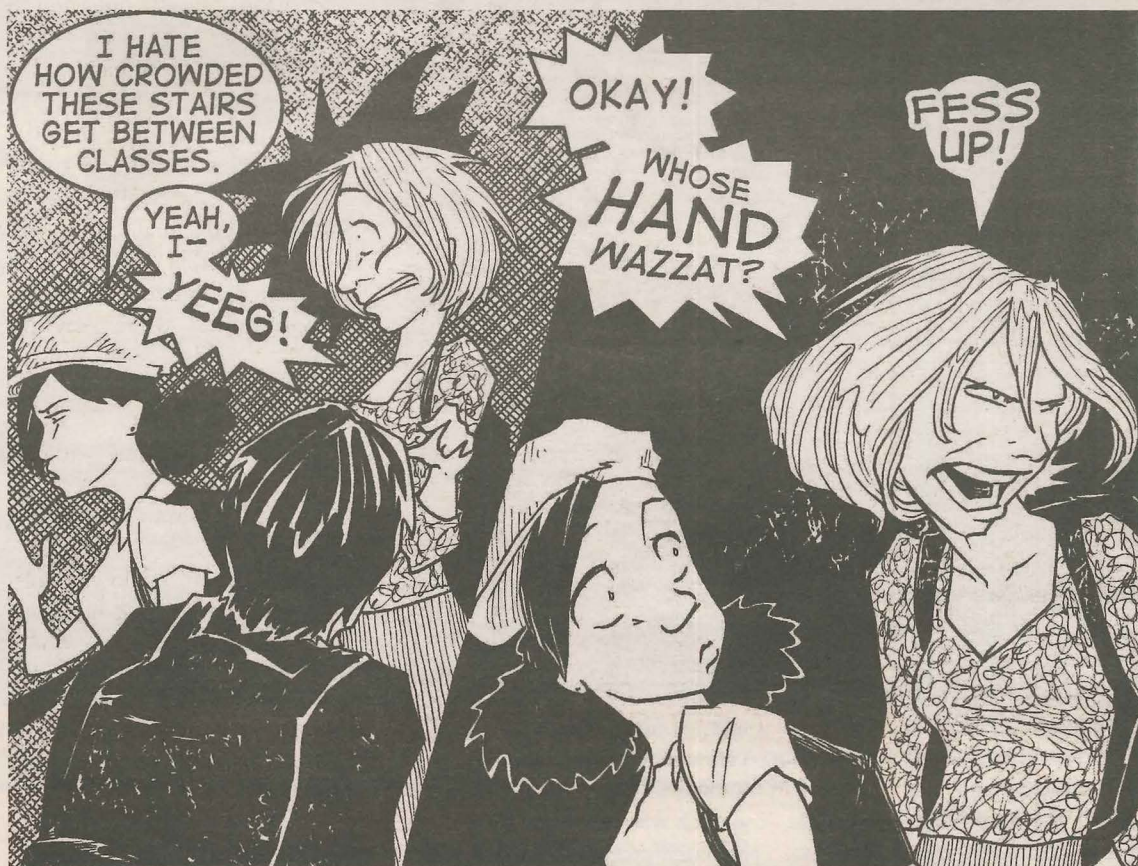
Congestion isn't just a problem in major cities: it's a problem that is starting to affect students here at the University of Wisconsin-Stout as well. More specifically, it's affecting them in Harvey Hall.

For being such a large building, Harvey Hall has always been somewhat crowded on schooldays. Let's face it, it isn't uncommon for 20 to 30 people to be trying to

crawl up or down a staircase during passing time on a busy schoolday. Thus, it should come as no surprise that some pushing and shoving will occur during these times.

There are, however, a few simple things we can all keep in mind to make the "Harvey Hall Experience" more bearable for everyone else. Though there may be little we can do to lessen the congestion, we can try to respect the rules of the hall when using it. At the risk of sounding like a high school hall monitor, it's time to point out some common courtesy stuff.

For starters, students should avoid using the elevators unless they absolutely have to—we're talking students with disabilities here. Makes sense, huh? Even so, a plethora of students perfectly capable of physically climbing a staircase continue to take the elevator every-day in Harvey Hall, simply



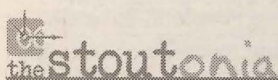
because they don't feel like climbing up a few flights of stairs. In short, please refrain from using the elevator unless you have to.

Also, when using the stairwell please try to stay

on the right side of the stairs, whichever direction you may be going in. Many students also seem to ignore this unwritten rule if they are in a hurry because they are late.

Finally, please keep your

hands to yourselves when walking the stairway. We have no statistics on how often inappropriate touching (however accidental) occurs in the staircases, but we're willing to bet they'd be high.



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Oh, to walk on water again



Matt Schubbe

Columnist

I was passing by the musty waters of Lake Menomin today and whilst holding my shirt over my nose to avoid the acrid odors spewed forth by this dungish body of water, I glanced across the lake at the local Burger King and realized that I fancied some chicken fries rather badly. I also realized that I was remarkably very far away, being nearly on the other side of the lake from the king of burgers at the time, and decided that it really wasn't worth it to turn back.

What if there was a way to make it worth it, to make it an easier journey? My head began swirling with raft designs a la "Lost" or "Robinson Crusoe" with which to cross the lake until I looked down at my feet and had an epiphany. Why couldn't I just change my footwear and walk along the shore of the lake up to my ankles? This would greatly shorten my trek, and would also feel pretty nice on my feet as a bonus. I made a decision right then and there that I had to get some Aqua Socs.

I tried to remember the last time I owned a pair of Aqua Socs. It was when I was about ten, so that didn't bode well

for my being able to find a new pair. I then tried to remember the last time I had seen them in any store, and when I couldn't, that tore it. I decided that my cool, watery shortcut would have to remain on the back burner for the time being.

My failure raised another question in the process: whatever happened to Aqua Socs? They were quite possibly mankind's greatest advancement in aquatic shoe-like footwear since the flipper, and quite possibly the greatest invention since the beginning of time. I mean these things were like the flipper 2.0 for crying out loud! Seeing as how my search for a new pair came up fruitless, and I'm not buying a used pair on eBay (that's just unsanitary, come on), I think one of two things needs to happen:

First, I could bring back the Aqua Soc! I'm talking to you, manufacturers of textiles and footwear! It has been too long of a wait. Let me again cross small rivers and streams without fear of damp socks or soggy pant legs!

Or second, failing that, if the Aqua Soc is an upgrade to the flipper, then someone should invent an upgrade to the Aqua Soc. I'd do it myself, but I'm more of an idea man. I stir up the people and then the people get me my Aqua Socs back.

I just hope that my pleas don't fall on deaf ears and that my beloved Aqua Socs can soon return to their proper place: my feet.

Thoughts from a freshman walker

Theresa Radtke

Columnist

I am a freshman here at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, and I have some things to say about the campus. I live in Antrim-Froggatt, which is located pretty much in the center of all the buildings here. I really am thankful for that because all my walking comes out to be about the same distance.

I like UW-Stout's layout; everything is laid out closer than other UW colleges. Everything is in walking distance. In the winter it is really going to suck because it will be cold, but hey, that is why fashion designers create cute coats, scarves and hats.

Plus, one way I think we can make walking to classes easier and way faster is putting up a second walking lane, but instead of concrete, it would be ice. I should have brought this up with the construction crew before they finished with the new walkways. People could just ice-skate their way to and from classes. It would be much faster and we could have some crazy competition action happen.

Anyhow, this layout, compared to the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, has fewer walking distances between classes. UW-River Falls is about 30 to 45 minutes from here if you're really interested to find out how spaced out their buildings are. Really though, they are a lot further apart from

each other than they are here. I also really like walking up to fourth-floor Harvey. Ha-ha no just kidding; I hate it. The only good thing about it is that it gives your butt a lift. I do get really pissed off at something in Harvey: the elevator. When I see kids who use it but don't need to, it ticks me off so much.

I have a good friend that I made on my floor. She has a disability and needs to take the elevator, but one day she couldn't because students were on it that didn't need to be so it was full. My friend made it up the stairs but she didn't look too good afterwards, and I felt awful for her and wanted to punch those other kids when they got off the elevator.

Apart from that, I think we are pretty lucky here.

Not to mention food is located in various spots around the campus, and food is heaven. I love the little vendor on first floor Harvey. After my 8 a.m. class it is so calming to see all the food there, just waiting for me to eat it. Then on the trek from Harvey to Applied Arts, there is the MSC conveniently located in the middle of the buildings so I can stop there and get food if I want as well.

On a closing note, I just want to mention a possible improvement the university could work on. I would like to see a coffee vendor on each dorm floor.

If there was one, I would definitely buy coffee every time I walk by.

letters to the editor

Dear Editor,

In a recent column Jason Harsh tries to paint the frustrated welder Marvin Heemayer as an anti-government hero. Heemayer was actually a potentially murderous psychopath, not a hero. He was frustrated with decisions made by a local zoning commission, which had approved the construction of a cement plant opposite his shop, and prevented him from constructing a sewer line. Zoning commissions are in some cases elected, in other cases appointed by elected officials. We may disagree with their decisions, but a democracy cannot function when government decisions result in rampages.

Heemayer fired a 50-caliber rifle at propane tanks in an attempt to explode them. In so doing he put many people in jeopardy of serious injury or death. He fired at police officers trying to stop his rampage, in an attempt to kill them.

Disagreeing with governmental decisions does not give me the right to go on rampage. The zoning commission decisions did not, as Jason Harsh stated, "cost Heemayer his life." It was his own decision to weld armor onto his bulldozer and destroy city hall and other buildings. He was responsible for his own death and millions of dollars of damage. A society which turns psychopaths into heroes will not long survive.

For those like Mr. Heemayer who feel strongly about government decisions, better models would be Henry Thoreau, Martin Luther King or Mahatma Gandhi, who chose nonviolent confrontation to bring about social change. When frustration and anger are expressed violently, people get hurt. As an anti-war protestor in the 1960s, I felt betrayed by the terrorist act which destroyed Sterling Hall on Madison's campus and killed a young physicist, an act which accomplished little.

Let's be careful who we

turn into a hero. The consequences can come back to haunt us.

Ken Parejko
Biology Department

Dear Editor,

Freedom of Speech is not for everyone.

Apparently freedom of speech only applies if you agree with what the other person has to say; otherwise they lose their right to it. I am of course referring to the recent disgrace that occurred at Columbia University. A group against illegal immigration, called The Minutemen, were invited to speak there. Their speech was disrupted by a socialist group on campus who charged the stage and started a protest rally. They justified themselves by calling The Minutemen fascists.

Taking over a speech, telling others what they should think, and repressing all opposition. These are the actions of the socialist group, and seem to resemble the tenets of socialism more than those of The Minutemen.

Well I for one disagree with this; freedom of speech is not a one way street. In order for freedom of speech to work you must give everyone a chance to speak their piece, whether you agree with them or not.

Instead of silencing them, the proper way to go about disagreeing with them is a debate where you can question their views. A well prepared argument will further your point better than the thuggish tactics used at Columbia. Whether someone is right or wrong they still have their First Amendment right.

In the interest of protecting our right to free speech I encourage all those who agree with my point of view to speak out more often. Furthermore, I challenge those of you who don't to please explain this hypocrisy to me.

Robert Turpin

When multi-tasking goes too darn far



Xander Moser
Chief Copy Editor

Raise your hand if you own a cell phone. Now put your hand down: you look like an idiot. I am no census master, but I would bet that at least 90 percent of students at the University of Wisconsin-Stout have cell phones.

I do not own a cell phone, and I feel that I belong to a shrinking minority. Don't get me wrong, though. I am not against cell phones in any way. I see how they are very useful and can even save lives. I just do not need one right now.

Although cell phones are very useful, it seems that some people are almost addicted to using their phones. I think that there is a problem if more than 10 percent of one's talking is done on a cell phone.

What ever happened to face-to-face conversations? Are we that ugly that we can't stand looking at each other while we talk? Or are we just so lazy that we can't walk down the street to have a conversation with our friends? I am starting to see a

possible link between cell phones and the obesity epidemic.

I was never much of a phone person, even in the days when phones were still attached to walls with these things called cords. You remember them, right?

Often they were spiral shaped and became tangled masses that only the really bored kids in study hall attempted to untangle. But I digress.

The main point of a cell phone is that it is portable. That means that it can be used anywhere that there is reception.

However, that does not mean that it should be used anywhere and everywhere. There are some places that should remain cell phone free.

I'm not talking about restaurants or libraries. I'm talking about a place which is much more private, even when it is public: bathrooms.

Three times in the past month I have walked into a bathroom to discover another person in a stall talking to one of their buddies on their cell phone. I want to laugh and cringe simultaneously. It just seems wrong to me. This has gone too far.

The very first time I came across a stall-talker was a few years ago at a rest stop on the highway.

The man walked into the bathroom talking on one of those

hands-free devices. I guess they are useful for something else other than driving.

The first time I stumbled upon a stall-talker this year, I thought he was a crazy man talking to himself. Only after he said goodbye and hung up did I realize that he was talking to someone else. After all, crazy people usually don't say goodbye when they're done talking to themselves, do they?

I have a question for those of you who are guilty of stall-talking: Do the people that you are talking to realize that you are in the bathroom? And who are you willing to talk to while you're in the bathroom? Your parents? Professors? Businesses?

Think about being on the other end of the line in one of these conversations. Don't you think that's impolite at all? Do we really have such cramped schedules that we can't find any other time to talk to people?

Something just occurred to me. These people in the stalls are getting reception. How come UW-Stout can give us reception in bathrooms, but not in some classrooms?

That doesn't seem right.

I'm not going to lie. I will someday own a cell phone.

But I promise you that you will not hear me talking on my cell phone in the bathroom. That's just gross.

Why can't I kill those #@* Power Rangers?



Lord Zedd
Master of Evil

Fools! I am surrounded by nothing but incompetent, lowlife fools!

Time and again, I ask you to defeat those pesky, petulant Power Rangers. Is what I ask too hard? Do those puny earth teenagers present too much of a challenge for you?

Bah! I should toss you all into the same Space Dumpster into which I exiled that ineffec-

tual witch queen, Rita Repulsa, those many eons ago!

How can I hope to rule the world if I cannot even manage to topple Angel Grove? No matter how many monsters I create with my Z-staff, it never seems enough! And it's not like YOU have ever been of any help!

You call yourselves Warriors of Evil? You barely qualify as lackeys, you witless piles of slug vomit!

Oh, to get my hands around Zordon's neck! What did you just say? Fool! I KNOW he doesn't have a neck! Of COURSE he's just a giant head floating in matter suspension! What do you take me for? How DARE you address your lord in such a manner! Be gone from my sight! Into exile

with you!

Oh, stop your simpering. You think I don't know what's going on around here? You're all plotting against me, that's what it is! You WANT the Power Rangers to win!

Wait—what's that you say? Why not turn the Power Rangers into adolescents and then simply abduct them with Putties? That's the stupidest—

Hold on a minute, I just had an idea! Why don't I turn the Power Rangers into younger children! Then when they're small and helpless I can conquer the world unchallenged!

Yes, I know it's brilliant. Stop sucking up. I KNOW I'm the best. They don't make just ANYONE an evil emperor!

You have an opinion. Oh, yes you do.

That's why you should write us a letter to the editor! Let us know how we're doing or vent about whatever topic matters to you. Letters must be 200 words or less and they must be signed. Send your correspondence to stoutonia@uwstout.edu.

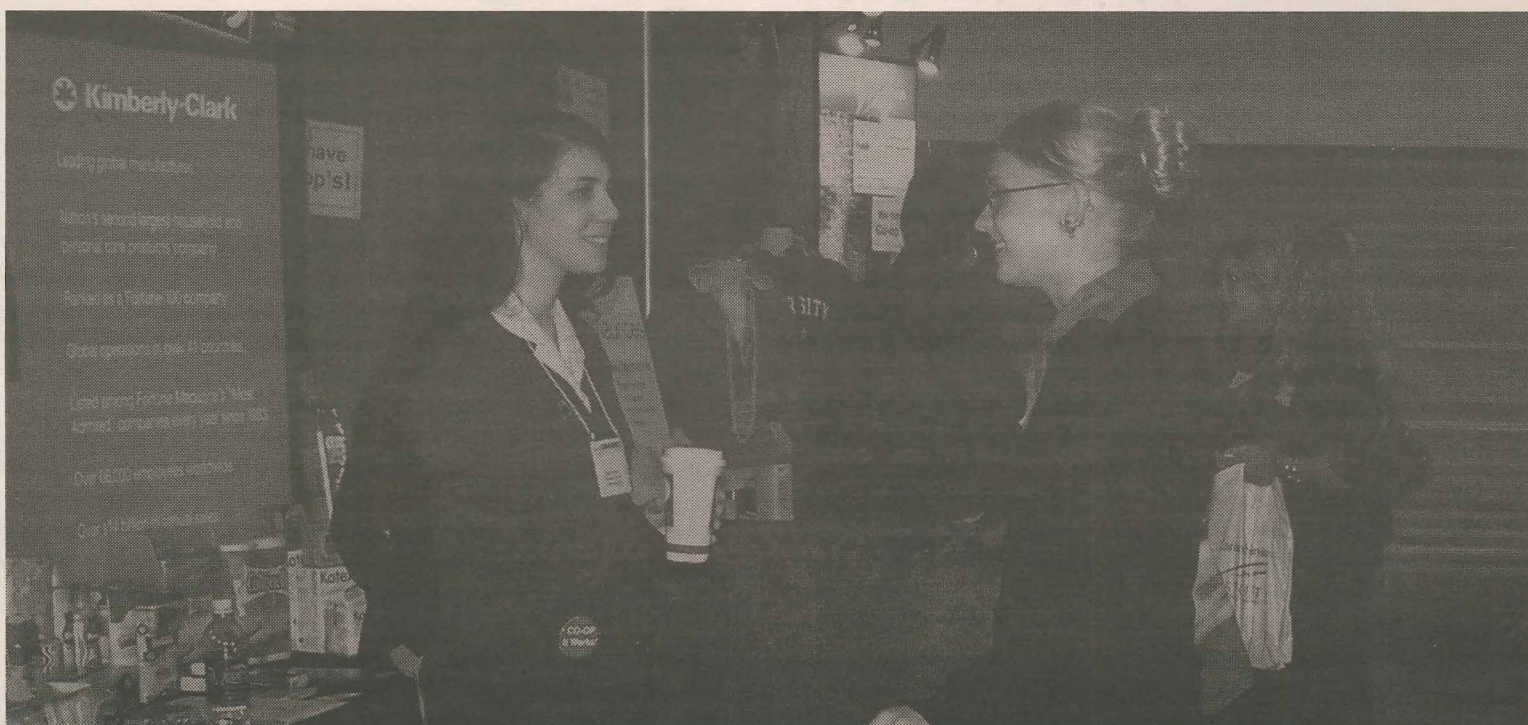
Latest Career Conference well worth the visit

By Matt Ader
Campus Writer

Once again the Career Conference was a complete success. The Great Hall and all of the crystal ballrooms were packed with throngs of students, all in search of prospective employers for internships and career opportunities. Students were sure to find dozens of possibilities, some at unusual and unexpected places.

This year 2,350 students attended, where they were treated to door prizes, freebies galore and the usual impressively dressed business people. Company representatives may look imposing at first, but most students soon begin having fruitful discussions with prospective employers. Students were sharing stories of past work, inquiring about job openings, handing out resumes, and even visiting old friends from work.

This was a great opportunity for the companies as well. At a cost of between \$150 and \$200 for a booth, a company can expect to find as many as several dozen applicants. The cost of advertising a job opening in a major newspaper can be sub-



Jason Harsh/Stoutonia

2,350 UW-Stout students attended this year's Career Conference. UW-Stout's Career Conference is the largest in the state and the companies from across the nation that travel to be here continue to find the students at UW-Stout well worth their efforts.

stantially higher than the cost of the Career Conference, may not net as many replies, and does not guarantee the replies will be from college students. These are all factors businesses considered when deciding to attend the conference. This year 280 companies were in attendance, varying from smaller businesses

to massive firms such as 3M, Wells Fargo and M.A. Mortenson Company.

Some companies, such as Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, make heavy use of career conferences. A full 80 percent of their employees were interns with their company at one point, and one of every three

interns became full time employees immediately following graduation.

Though Northwest Mutual has only been attending the University of Wisconsin-Stout's career conference for the last four years, Kari Aderhold, director of campus selection, feels that any career conference is worth the cost.

"Go any [and every] year to the career conference to build relationships," said Aderhold. "Talk to everyone, don't be afraid to talk with [other companies] they network with."

Other companies are just beginning to make a foothold here at UW-Stout. Stock Building Supply may be a common name in the area, but the com-

panies it recently merged with are relatively unheard of: Wolsley and Ferguson. Chris Hold, the Branch Trainer based in Wausau, said he wants to change this. He may be newer to UW-Stout's Career Conference, but he plans on being here several more times to fill the thousands of varied positions which will be opening up within the three companies soon.

The students who attended this year helped to make this Career Conference one of the most successful conferences to date. UW-Stout's Career Conference is the largest in the state; companies traveled from across the nation to be here, and they continue to find the students at UW-Stout well worth their efforts.

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Friday, Oct. 13

• Fall 2006 Faculty Development: Using Library Super Search. Presented by Lelah Lugo. Bring your laptop! 2:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Merle Price Commons Room 144

Saturday, Oct. 14

• All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast benefiting the UW-Stout Chapter of the Wisconsin United Residence Hall. \$5 per person - proceeds will help fund the WURHA 2007 Conference. 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Applebee's of Menomonie

Sunday, Oct. 15

• Street Level Ministries presents: Roger Oakland on "Intelligent Design vs. Evolution." 6 p.m. Huff's, Memorial Student Center

Monday, Oct. 16

• World Food Day teleconference, "Power of the People: Bottom-up Solutions to Hunger" 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Millennium Hall Room 207

Tuesday, Oct. 17

• LGBT (Lesbian/Gay/Bi-Sexual/Transgender) History Month-Let It Out Dialogue Series: Same Sex Marriage. 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Huff's, Memorial Student Center
• Dessert reception following the Let It Out Dialogue Series discussion. 7 p.m. Ally Center, MSC

Wednesday, Oct. 18

• University Priority Listening Session, open session two. 10:30 a.m. Millennium Hall Room 205
• GreenSense: Energy Film Festival. 6 p.m. Menomonie Cinema

Thursday, Oct. 19

• Regional Graduate and Professional School Fair "Steps Toward Your Future" 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Zorn Arena
• GreenSense: Energy Film Festival. 6 p.m. State Cinema

Entertainment

Thursday, Oct. 12

• Grand re-opening of the Niche. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Home Economics Building 2nd floor
• Homecoming event - Couch-A-Thon. 12 p.m. South Lawn, MSC
• Blue Devil Productions presents: Endless Blue with singer/songwriter Emilia Dahlin. Free w/Stout ID, \$1 public. 8 p.m. MSC South Lawn. Rain site in Rec Center in the MSC

Friday, Oct. 13

• Homecoming event - Couch-A-Thon. MSC South Lawn
• PONG - People's Organization of Network Gaming Simply Console - Bring a controller! \$3 at the door, \$1 if you pre-register at our Web site 5 p.m. Huff's, MSC
• Mabel Tainter Theater presents: Brighton Beach Memories 7 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater
• Homecoming Event - Mentalist/hypnotist. 8 p.m. Great Hall, MSC

Saturday, Oct. 14

• Homecoming parade. 11 a.m. Dunn County Rec Park.
• Walk a Mile in Her Shoes: The Men's March to Stop Rape, Sexual Assault and Gender Violence. During homecoming parade at 11 a.m. Dunn County Rec Park
• Mabel Tainter Theater presents: Brighton Beach Memories. 7 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater

Tuesday, Oct. 17

• Rock-A-Thon. 5 p.m. on Oct. 20. Clock Tower Plaza between Bowman Hall and Harvey Hall

Thursday, Oct. 19

• Movie: "Living With Pride: The Ruth Ellis Story" 10:10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Home Economics Building Room 131
• Mabel Tainter Theater presents: Brighton Beach Memories 7 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater
• Blue Devil Productions presents: Mark Mallman w/ Super-

hopper. Free w/Stout ID, \$1 public. 8 p.m. Rec Center, MSC

Athletics

Saturday, Oct. 14

• Homecoming Event - Football vs. UW-Eau Claire. 1 p.m.
• Soccer @ St. Catherine 1 p.m.

• Women's cross country @ Tori Neubauer Invitational, West Salem
• Men's cross country at Jim Drews Invitational, West Salem

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Ellen Shuetz
Entertainment Writer

The People's Organization of Network Gaming is hosting a gaming event Friday, Oct. 13.

This event will be slightly different from their normal LAN party events in that it is all about game consoles.

Instead of having to haul a heavy desktop computer to the

LAN party, PONG is requesting that participants simply bring a controller.

There will be tournaments for many games including "Halo 2," "Super Smash Bros." and "Guitar Hero."

The cost of this event is much lower than PONG's larger LAN parties: \$3 will be charged at the door and \$1 will be charged for pre-registered participants.

The tournament starts at 5 p.m. on Friday and is being held in Huff's in the lower level of the Memorial Student Center.

The organization is steadily gaining members; around 50 people attended their first meeting.

The gaming organization is making themselves heard and offering more events for their members such as the Advisement Day LAN, which will be held on Oct. 23, the day before advisement day at 6 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Memorial Student Center.

PONG holds meetings on Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. in the Northwoods room of the Memorial Student Center.

Check PONG's Web site, <http://pong.uwstout.edu>, for the dates of all their meetings and upcoming events.

Pre-registering for events can also be done on the site.

Singing songs of hope and freedom for everyone

By **Ellen Schuetz**
Entertainment Writer

The Master Singers, conducted by Gary Schwartzhoff, will perform with the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Chorus, conducted by Daniel Newman, at the First Lutheran Church in Eau Claire on Sunday, Oct. 15.

The concert, "Songs of Freedom and Hope," will be featuring the music of the late

Moses Hogan, most of which includes arrangements of classic spiritual songs.

His collection of more than 70 published works has been heard in countless high schools, colleges, churches and concert halls worldwide. Moses Hogan died on Feb. 12, 2003, but his music remains a popular choice among choirs.

In its fourteenth season, the Master Singers is a group

of volunteers that performs up to professional standards. The members come from a variety of institutions with music programs, such as Concordia University, Luther College, St. Olaf and the UW-Eau Claire.

The Master Singers have also performed with the Eau Claire Chamber Orchestra, the Philadelphia Brass and other ensemble groups. Since 1997, they have been returning guests

at the Missa Choralis Series at the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis.

Tickets for this event can be purchased at Morgan Music or Schmitt Music in Eau Claire, at First Lutheran Church, from any ensemble member or at the door.

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Robin Williams for president

By Chris Moellering
Entertainment Writer

Imagine if a comedian could somehow become the president of the United States of America. Would the country fall apart, or would the strange change of pace somehow unite a divided country?

On Oct. 13, the world will get a preview of what might happen if the United States was run by a comedian in the much anticipated Barry Levinson movie, "Man of the Year."

"Man of the Year" is a political satire about fictional late night radio talk show host Tom Dobbs. Dobbs makes a living out of bashing political figures and speaking his mind about the problems facing the nation. He decides one night during his show that it would be funny to run for president. Not expecting to win, a glitch with electronic voting machines puts him in the Oval Office.

This sounds like an interesting concept for a movie, especially with mid-term elections coming up in the next month, but what makes "Man of the Year" even more exciting is the cast.

"Man of the Year" comes loaded with a star-studded cast and crew. Playing the lead role of Tom Dobbs is Oscar winner and stand-up comedian Robin Williams. Williams has starred in movies such as "Dead Poet's Society," "Death to Smoochy," and "The Birdcage."

The supporting role of Jack Menken is played by versatile funny-man Christopher Walken. Walken's intense demeanor is a perfect fit for playing next to

Robin Williams. Walken won an Oscar for his role as the small-town boy whose experience in Vietnam left him scarred in the classic drama "The Deer Hunter." Walken can also be seen in "Envy," "Wedding Crashers" and "Catch Me If You Can."

The lead actress is Laura Linney, who plays the role of Eleanor. Linney has played top roles in many successful films including "Love Actually," "Mystic River" and "The Life of David Gale."

Another big name that plays a role in this film is Jeff Goldblum. "Man of the Year" will be Goldblum's first major film in quite some time. In the '90s, Goldblum starred in two of the all-time biggest blockbusters "Jurassic Park" and "Independence Day."

Harshly funny political comedian Lewis Black also plays a small supporting role in this film.

"Man of the Year" is a reunion film for Levinson and Williams, who worked together on the classic war-comedy "Good Morning, Vietnam," where Williams is a controversial radio host for an American military base in Vietnam.

Levinson is no stranger to movies with a political concept. He also directed the movie "Wag the Dog."

Some of his other films include "Rain Man," "Sleepers" and "Envy." "Man of the Year" hits theaters nationwide on Friday, Oct. 13.

The release comes at a time when many eyes are watching the political scene.

Naughty, naughty Ugandan dictator



Jerome Butchee
Entertainment Writer

"The Last King of Scotland," directed by Kevin Macdonald, is based on the events of Uganda in the 1970s.

Fresh from medical school, Nicholas Garrigan, played by James McAvoy, makes a rash decision to go to Uganda by just spinning a globe and landing his finger on it.

This begins the journey for Garrigan who thinks that he can do more good in Uganda than in his home country of Scotland. Upon arrival, Garrigan witnesses the 'coup-de-tat' of the previous president of Uganda by the military general Idi Amin, played by Forest Whitaker.

Garrigan notices how the enthusiastic Ugandan people smile for this new ruler. Future pledges made by this self-appointed dictator look promising at first glance, but what Garrigan doesn't see now haunts him forever.

With movies coming out

like "Hotel Rwanda" and "The Constant Gardener," "The Last King of Scotland" portrays the African crisis from the perspective of the 1970s, which was before the contemporary problems of AIDS and mass-hunger.

The country of Uganda was similar to other, smaller African countries that were just overcoming British rule and being introduced to independence. Uganda stood out mainly because of the fanaticism of its dictator Idi Amin, who when on television appeared to be eccentric and loveable, but behind closed doors he was down right sinister.

Given the chance to be Amin's personal physician, Garrigan accepts and sees first hand the delusional aspect of this ruler. Many movies show peasant suffering, but with Garrigan's close proximity to Amin, one can really see the craziness of the government from behind the scenes.

Such harsh subjects like these create interesting stories by themselves; the one ingredient that seems to stand out in this tale is Idi Amin's portrayal by Forest Whitaker. His acting captures the heart and soul of this dictator.

Nicholas Garrigan gets

caught up with Amin, being a foreigner in a land where he helps the sick in small villages and missionaries. He finally thinks he will make a healthcare difference with Amin. Due to the change in setting from dirt floor villages to high class buildings with running toilets, Garrigan sees an opportunity in a place that looked so out of luck.

Computer generated effects and blue screen technology have made producing movies cheaper by not forcing on-location filming. Using these new technologies would have taken a lot away from the film.

The film was not created on some sound stage in Canada. The scenes show beautiful landscapes and the sad suffering of a people in such great detail.

Charming, lovable, eccentric, demented and psychopathic. This is the true explanation of the movie and the true makeup of Idi Amin. It isn't a lesson on how a nation of people are suffering now but a flashback on how the suffering started. The word powerful cannot explain the level of energy this movie brings to the historical figure that Nicholas Garrigan was. For more information visit <http://www2.foxsearchlight.com/thelastkingofscotland>.

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Quinn Elizabeth makes return engagement



Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

Quinn Elizabeth, an Eau Claire-based band, will be returning to Menomonie's Acoustic Cafe on Oct. 28 at 8 p.m. The band is comprised of three sisters Christianson, Jerrika, Jarissa and lead singer Elizabeth.

"Nobody knows we're sisters until we start fighting [on stage]," said Jerrika.

The musical group has evolved from its folk roots to support a rock/soul/delta blues sound. The instruments that the girls play are part of their eclectic sound.

Many songs incorporate djembes, the classical flute, an Irish flute, a tin whistle, the acoustic guitar, and when combined with their gutsy vocals and uplifting harmonies, each song takes on a personality of its own.

Soon the girls hope to in-



Source: Jerrika Christianson

Quinn Elizabeth is an Eau Claire-based family band that brings an eclectic and evolving folk/delta blues sound to the stage. The band has played at the Acoustic Cafe in the past and will return on Oct. 28.

corporate a violin and piano into their music.

Quinn Elizabeth's sound is not the only thing that has been evolving. Each sister has something to contribute.

"We're starting to branch out and write our own music and we are always writing new music together," said Jerissa.

The lead vocalist, their sis-

ter Elizabeth, has been the primary songwriter for the band since it was formed. Jerrika, who loves creating new music the most, hopes to incorporate more of her own words into Quinn Elizabeth's music.

Jerrika compares her style of writing to Jason Miraz. "I'm a poet," said Jerrika. "I'd love to have more of my poetry

turned into songs but (my sisters) say I'm too wordy. I say let's do it anyway."

Elizabeth has also been branching out with her talent. Recently she joined the Green Mountain Rebels, a punk/bluegrass band from the area. The band writes the songs and she sings them with the co-lead singer, Jared Shaw.

"I liked the idea of not playing my guitar and having to sing just the music someone else has written" said Elizabeth. "I like [Green Mountain Rebels] energy."

The Green Mountain Rebels opened for Quinn Elizabeth in a show during the summer.

The two bands are very different from one another - Green Mountain Rebels incorporate the electric guitar while remaining an acoustic band.

"The bands sounds very different from one another but they fit well," said Elizabeth.

The progression of Quinn Elizabeth can be heard in their recently released album, "Random Saturday."

The album features six songs, their strongest being "Off My Soul," "Come Find Me," "Cracked" and "Daddy." Jerrika said each song is about overcoming problems and "dealing with life." None of the songs are love songs.

A few of their most significant songs and a list of upcoming shows can be found on their MySpace Web site at www.myspace.com/quinnelizabeth.

Punk cover band redefines classic pop songs to reflect unique sound



Chris Moellering
Entertainment Writer

Ever listen to a song and thought it could be so much better if it was done in a different way? Maybe if it was a little faster, or maybe it could use some distorted guitars and screaming. What if all those pop songs from the '50s and '60s were redone today? Could they speak to another generation, and if not, would they still be fun anyways? Well, that's exactly what the California punk-cover band Me First and the Gimme Gimmes do.

Since the mid 1990s, Me First and the Gimme Gimmes have made a mockery out of pop classics from every generation,

and on Oct. 17 they will do it once again with their latest release, "Love Their Country." This time, some of the Gimmes' victims will include Johnny Cash, Hank Williams Sr., The Dixie Chicks and The Eagles. Like their other albums, "Love Their Country" will be a themed record, taking country classics and other American heartland songs and simply turning them into punk rock.

Taking classic pop songs and turning them into punk is a simple idea that has turned out to be a great success for the Gimmes. The Gimmes though, are not the typical band. In fact, they are a punk-rock supergroup. They are made up of true punk-rock icons and old school rockers who are having some fun before their golden years.

They are headed by vocalist Spike, who gained his fame playing bass in the San Francisco street-punk band The Swinging Utters. On drums is



Source: <http://www.fatwreck.com>

Cover band breathes life into classic radio hits with punk rock influences. Each remade song gains a humorous undertone.

Dave Raun, who also bangs the sticks for pop-punk giants Lagwagon. Joey Cape, who is the singer/songwriter of Lagwagon, brings his guitar playing talent to the Gimmes. The guitarist, who stands opposite Joey Cape, is Chris Shiflett. Shiflett also plays lead guitar for the Foo Fighters. The final member is none other than punk legend and tycoon Fat Mike, who is the front man of NOFX and CEO of independent record company

Fat Wreck Chords.

The Gimmes formed in 1995, with hopes of "breathing some punk rock life back into classic radio hits." Their only motivation was "getting together with friends and playing thoughtless music." Their first full length album, "Have a Ball," was released in 1997: it became an instant hit with their renditions of "Leaving on a Jet Plane," "Uptown Girl" and "Sweet Caroline." Their

second full length album, "Are a Drag," was themed with everybody's favorite show tunes "Over the Rainbow" and "Favorite Things."

With so many songs to pick from, The Gimmes decided their next album would be nothing but pop songs from the '60s. In 2001 "Blow in the Wind" hit music stores and their third album featured classics "Wild World," "My Boyfriends Back" and "I Only Want to be With You."

The Gimmes fourth album, "Take a Break," was nothing but R&B classics. In 2004 The Gimmes released a live album, "Ruin Johnny's Bar Mitzvah," which ironically was recorded while playing at a bar mitzvah.

Their sixth release, "Love Their Country," shall prove to be another big hit for a band that has achieved so much. Me First and the Gimme Gimmes have broken down the musical borders and created a link between parents and children, by allowing both to enjoy the same songs.

As of now, no tour has been announced to support the upcoming release, but the Gimmes were hired to provide entertainment during Pittsburgh Pirates baseball games. They were supposed to play during three consecutive games, but the band's punk antics were not welcomed by baseball fans and the Gimmes were booed off stage. Following the game, the Gimmes were fired and not allowed to play the next two shows. During his pod cast a few months back, Fat Mike noted, "People love our songs, but they hate us." Could his statement be any more prophetic?

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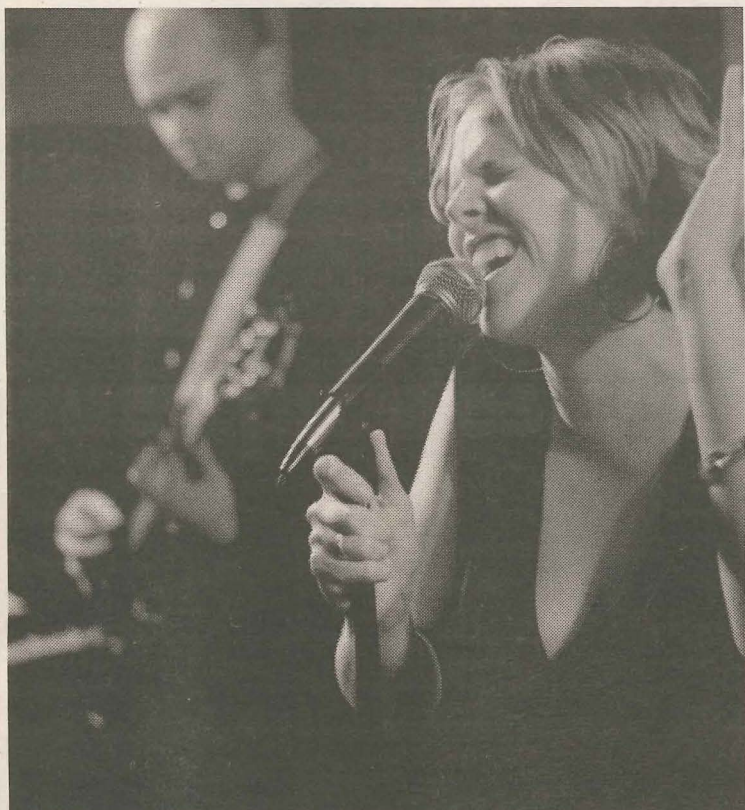
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UW-Stout to host trip-hop



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Milwaukee-based trip-hop band gives electronic performances and will grace the MSC South Lawn Oct. 12.



Jenna Wojan
Entertainment Writer

The Memorial Student Center's South Lawn will be host to musical talents Endless Blue and Emilia Dahlin Thursday, Oct. 12.

Headliner Endless Blue hails from Milwaukee, Wis. bringing with them a trip-hop, lo-fi, electronic vibe. The band's members, Laura Hillman and Nick Mitchell, have been performing together since 2001, when Laura auditioned for the Madison-based industrial band STATE4. After abandoning the project in 2003, they formed Endless Blue.

A second lead-vocalist, Amanda Oechsle, was invited to join the band and aided in the success of Endless Blue's first self-titled album. After playing over 40 shows in the Minneapolis area, the band decided to relocate to Milwaukee leaving Oechsle behind on good terms.

Mitchell and Hillman took a hiatus from live performance for the spring of 2005 to work on Endless Blue's second album,

"Smoke Through It." The album focused on a more jazzy, and considerably less electronic, feel. Mitchell's synth bass was replaced with live bass, and synthesized sounds were replaced with electric piano and Wurlitzer.

Emilia Dahlin comes from Portland, Maine, though she is originally from Massachusetts. Wielding a "wind-weathered" voice, a guitar and sometimes a ukulele, her music has often been described as rootsy/folk-rock with a funky-jazz twist. Recently, the 28-year-old solo artist has been backed by Adam Frederick on upright bass, Seth Kearns on percussion and Maxwell Cantlin on guitar.

With the release of her newest album, "God Machine," Dahlin uses well-crafted lyrics in songs that are delivered with skyrocketing energy and honesty. Dahlin embodies the dynamics of a quintessential independent musician, wearing the hat of artist, agent, manager and publicist all at once. She can make a solo performance feel like a big band.

With two albums and three years of national touring under her belt, Dahlin has played at more than 50 colleges and universities, as well as numerous public venues, in more than 20 states.

Films show we are, in fact, killing the planet



Image: Drew Retherford/Stoutonia

Student organization GreenSense will host a series of films concerning environmental issues such as global warming. The film showings will be spread over the course of a month.

By Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

GreenSense, the University of Wisconsin-Stout student environmental club, is sponsoring an energy film festival at the State Cinema from Wednesday, Oct. 18 to Thursday, Nov. 16.

Each week, a different energy-related film will be shown. The films are on loan courtesy of the Sierra Club Student Coalition; therefore, attendance is free of charge to the public. There will also be concessions available for purchase. Money made from concessions will go toward the cost of utilities for the State Cinema.

There will be five films shown at the film festival. The first film, "Too Hot Not To Handle," will be shown Oct. 18 and 19. This HBO documentary is a primer on the issue of global warming.

The second film in the series, titled "Power Shift," will be shown Oct. 25 and Oct. 26. It's a 30 minute documentary narrated by Cameron Diaz that explores

the ways energy touches our daily lives.

"Earth to America" will be shown Nov. 1 and Nov. 2, which celebrates life on Earth by taking aim at the problem of global warming.

The film features comedy luminaries such as Steve Martin, Robin Williams, Ben Stiller and Jack Black, as well as Tom Hanks, Robert Kennedy Jr. and nearly a dozen others.

"Homeland: Four Portraits of Native Action," will be shown Nov. 8 and Nov. 9. It's a 90-minute documentary that takes a look at the stories of five Native American activists in four communities who are fighting the "new Indian wars."

The last movie in the film series will be a documentary about ExxonMobil, titled "Out of Balance." The documentary will be shown on Nov. 15 and Nov. 16.

GreenSense is an environmental, non-partisan student-run organization that focuses on the majority of the community's environmental issues.

Last year the organization

held a raffle contest. The winner of the raffle won the rights to name a creek.

GreenSense used the money raised from the raffle to clean up the creek and raise a foundation for its banks.

The group focuses on educating the public about environmental issues, and it uses many venues to speak to the public. The energy film festival is one of those venues.

"[Members of GreenSense feel] that environmental issues, especially global warming, need to be brought to the forefront," said Tasha Steyer, a sophomore in technical communications and the president of GreenSense.

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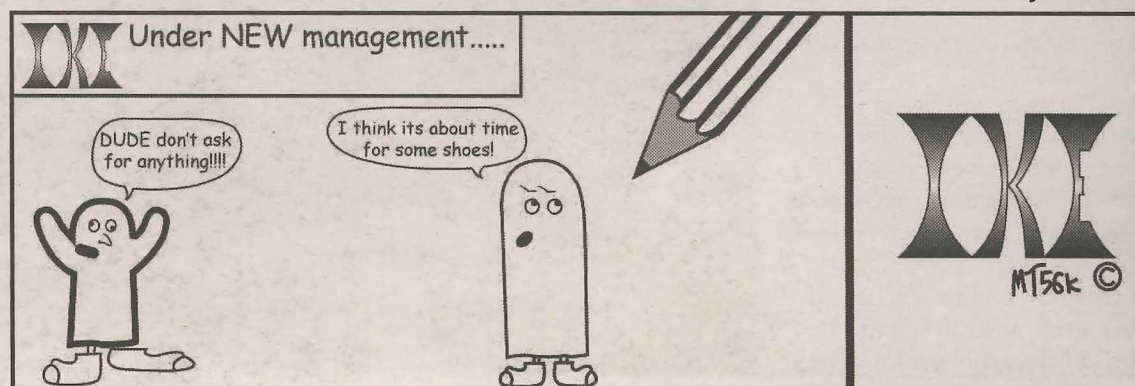
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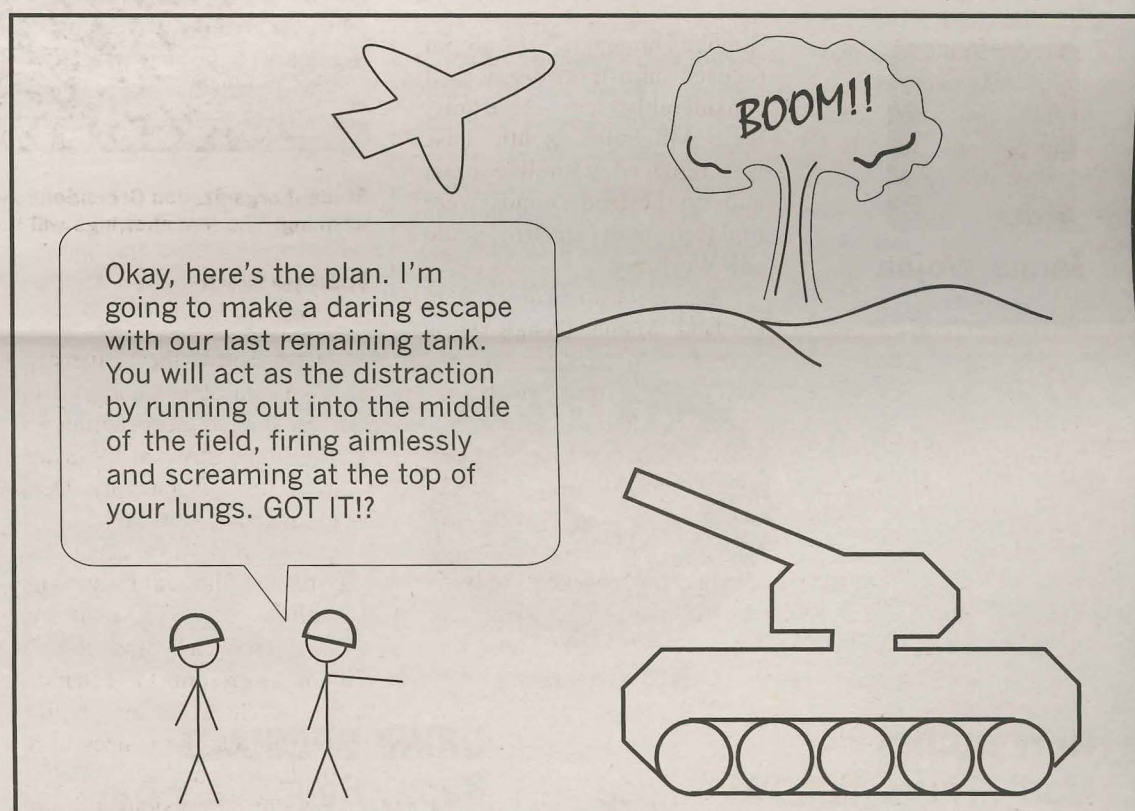
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Hard work needed for homecoming victory over Eau Claire

By Josh Parshley
Sports Writer

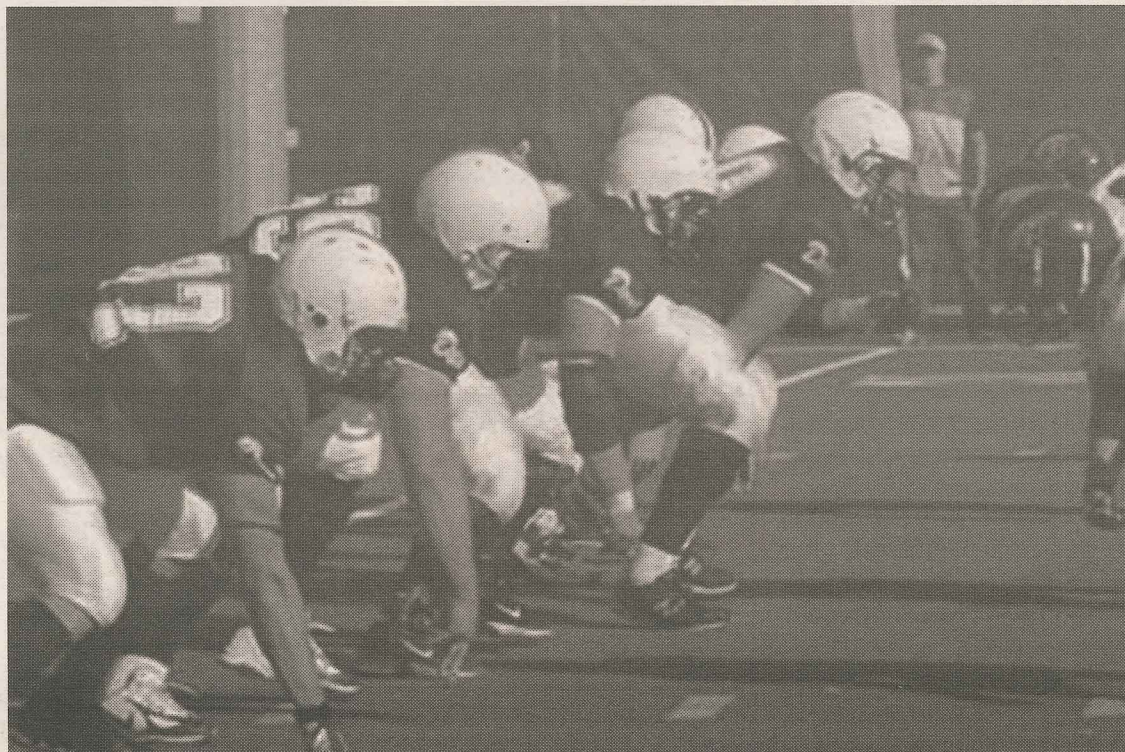
The University of Wisconsin-Stout football team has had a set of unruly games lately. UW-Stout has faced three fourth quarter losses in a row. The team is looking to rebound and pull in a victory at homecoming.

"Overall, we are not real happy with the team at this point," said coach Strop. "The team is really working hard this week."

The team will be trying to get back on track this Saturday against the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. Establishing momentum early in the game will be crucial. Senior running back Ryan Englebert is one of the players who can do this. He has had three 100-yard rushing games, bringing his total to 482 yards with five touchdowns.

"We need to be able to run the ball," said coach Strop. "We want to have some big plays from our passing game as well."

Junior quarterback Tanner Kattre will also need to be an important part of the team's success offensively. Kattre has racked up 539 yards with only two interceptions this season.



Source: www.uwstout.edu/athletics

Football will need strong defense and quick offense to overcome rivals UW-Eau Claire on homecoming.

He will need to connect with wide receivers senior Jesse Wendt and sophomore Antawan Walker. Wendt has 182 yards receiving this season with one touchdown, and Walker has 92 receiving yards.

As for the defense, the team needs to get back to attack mode. They will have to be more ag-

gressive on the field. Consistency is one area the defense needs to improve to be successful.

The team has a few players on the defensive side who will try to get the job done. One of those players is senior free safety Rob Weinstein. He has tallied up 38 tackles and four interceptions this season. Another

player who will help get the job done is junior strong safety Wendell Eskridge. He has put up 41 tackles. A third player who will be making plays this weekend is senior linebacker Luke Steffen. He has racked up an impressive 51 tackles and two interceptions, one of which he returned for a 94-yard touchdown.

"UW-Eau Claire is a good team," said coach Strop. "They will spread you out while they have the ball. They also have a

strong seven front on defense."

There is no doubt the team will be facing some tough competition on Saturday. While on offense, the team will be pressured a lot by a tough UW-Eau Claire defense. They will be seeing quite a bit of movement before the snap and relentless pressure thereafter. UW-Stout will need to be cautious while in the backfield since UW-Eau Claire has tallied up 30 tackles for a loss this season.

UW-Stout will need to stop UW-Eau Claire's running game. Their running back has put up 283 yards on the ground with three touchdowns. The UW-Stout defense will also need to pressure the UW-Eau Claire's passing game. Their quarterback has thrown for 808 yards with four touchdowns this season. However, the UW-Stout defense will probably have some opportunities to cause turnovers through the air, as UW-Eau Claire has thrown seven interceptions thus far. The defense will need to capitalize on this flaw to get an edge.

"It should be good matchups on both sides of the ball," said coach Strop. Both teams are heading into the game with a record of 2-3. The game is this Saturday, Oct. 14 at 1 p.m.



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Badger homecoming hosts rival Gophers



Casey Nold
Sports Editor

The University of Wisconsin Badgers host The University of Minnesota Gophers on Saturday, Oct. 14 for the Badgers' homecoming.

The rivalry between the Badgers and the Gophers is the longest in the history of NCAA Division I competition.

This event marks the 116th game played between the schools dating back to the start of the series in 1890. The teams have met every year since 1907.

In 1948 an inside battle broke out starting a tradition that is still strong today.

The winner of the Badger and Gopher game gets the trophy of Paul Bunyan's axe.

The trophy is meant to

represent the true winner of the rivalry.

In 1960 it was determined that this would be an ongoing battle for years to come, so each year the printing on the axe has gotten smaller and smaller to avoid of the end of the handle.

The Gophers are leading the 99-year battle with 59 wins to the Badgers 48 wins and eight ties. The Badgers have won the axe 32 times over the Gophers 23 wins and with three ties.

The Badger and Gopher

competition is still strong today.

Last year's 2005 Gopher loss to the Badgers seated 60,089 in the Metrodome. The Badgers' Camp Randall Stadium held 83,069 fans in the 2004 face off which is the second all-time highest record for number of fans in the stadium.

This year Camp Randall Stadium will seat 80, 321 fans to watch the Badger and Gopher legacy continue.

The Badgers have an overall 5-1 record and a 2-1 conference record. The only loss re-

ceived by the Badgers was there first conference game against Michigan Tech.

The Gophers have an overall 2-4 record and a winless conference record.

The rest of the Gophers scheduled season is the toughest competition of any other team in the conference.

The game will be aired on ESPN at 11 a.m. central standard time Saturday, Oct. 14 or on WCCO radio 830 AM.



Source: www.gophersports.com



Drew Retherford/Stoutonia

The University of Wisconsin Badgers host the University of Minnesota Gophers on Saturday, Oct. 14 for the Badgers homecoming. The winner of the rivalry battle will take Paul Bunyan's axe for the next year.

ATHLETE Week



THE FACTS: Tennis: Jenna Bettmann (left) and Jodie Czech (right) are UW-Stout's athletes of the week. Bettmann is a senior from Baline, Minn. majoring in retail merchandising management. Czech is a sophomore from Foley, Minn. majoring in hotel, restaurant and tourism management.

The girls earned WIAC team honors when they raised their number one WIAC doubles mark to 4-2 with an 8-5 overall win. The team was named the WIAC doubles team of the week.

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FINAL 23-21

Football lost to UW-Oshkosh and will Host UW-Eau Claire for the homecoming game
Saturday, Oct. 14 at 1 p.m.

TENNIS (10-4)

Final 6-3

The tennis team won 6-3 against UW-Oshkosh to end their season 10-4
Next Game :
Oct. 21-22 WIAC Championships in Madison, Wis.

VOLLEYBALL (13-7)

Final 3-1

Volleyball played tough against UW-Platteville but came out on the bottom
Next game:
Oct. 20 at UW-Whitewater

Rowing club stranded by weather

By Joshua E. Fox
Sports Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout rowing club has been plagued by bad weather this fall.

Because of this, the team has only managed to get on the water a few times.

Despite the unfavorable

weather the team's membership has doubled. During the winter season participants are busy fund-raising, with such events as fettuccini alfredo dinners

Last season they purchased a new boat from a group in Rochester, Minn.

The boat is 40 feet long and holds four rowers and a

coxswain. The boat is named Ginny B, named by the previous owners.

The organization will be holding a rowing clinic on the afternoon of Friday, Oct. 13 at the boat launch on Lake Menomin behind Jeter Tainter and Callahan Halls.

Currently they are not par-

ticipating in any competitions, but might like to in the future.

For information about the UW-Stout rowing club you can attend a meeting in the Badger Room of the Memorial Student Center every Thursday at 6 p.m. or e-mail Betsy Stefan at stefane@uwstout.edu.

Blue Crew needs you

By Casey Nold
Sports Editor

The Blue Crew is a fan club for the University of Wisconsin-Stout students to support all sports.

When students sign up they will receive a free T-shirt and will have a chance to win prizes.

After students sign up with the Blue Crew, they will get their student ID card scanned at every UW-Stout sporting event and become eligible for prizes.

Students involved with the Blue Crew will also have reserved seating at every UW-Stout sporting event.

Students looking to join a lively group that supports our sports should look into the UW-



Source: www.uwstoutone.com

Stout Blue Crew.

To Join or get information about the UW-Stout Blue Crew, contact Bob Greske at greskebr@uwstout.edu or Steve Terry at terrys@uwstout.edu.

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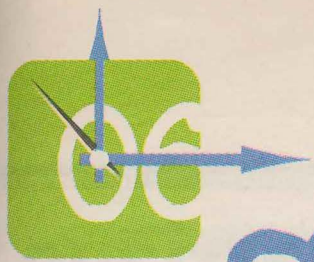
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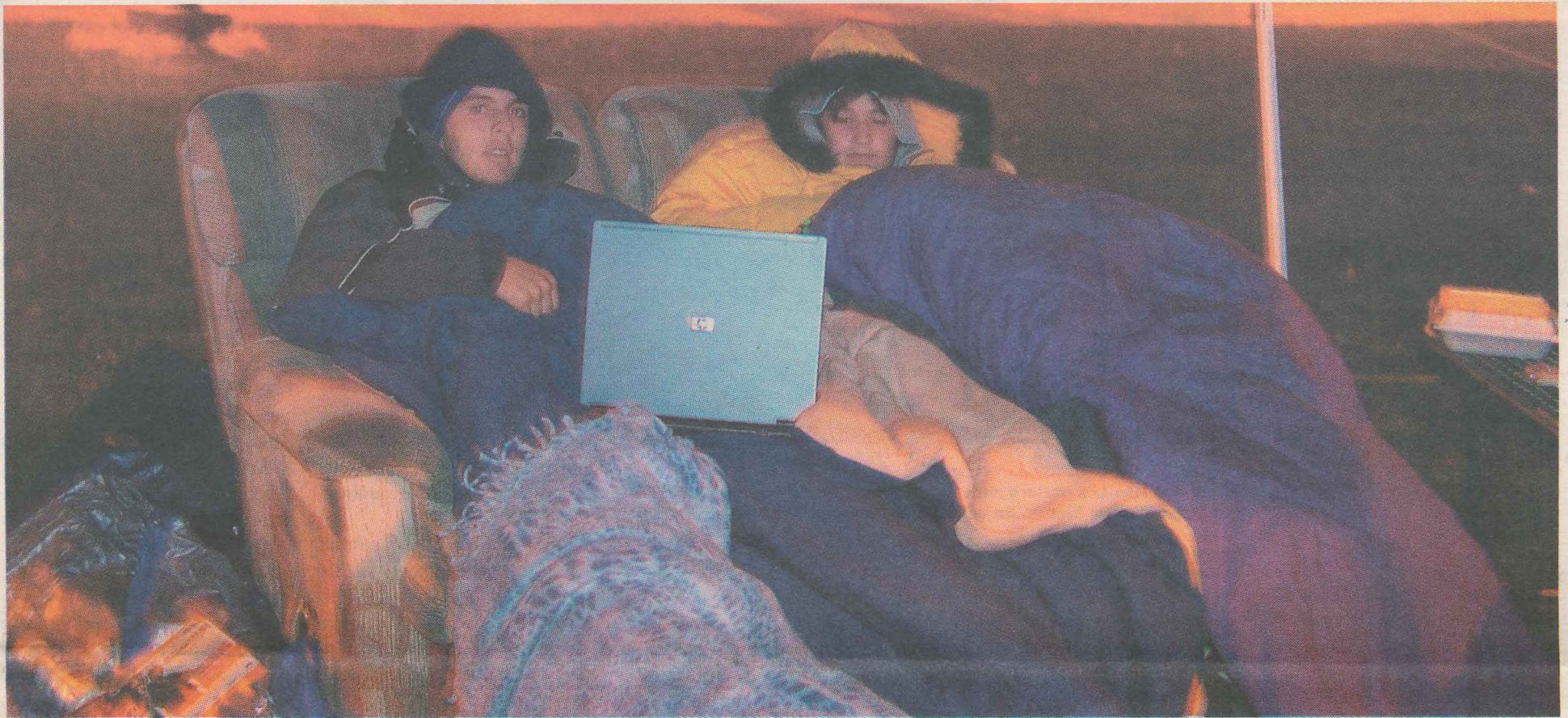
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KLB isn't intimidated by a little cold weather



Jason Harsh/Stoutonia

Dedicated Kappa Lambda Beta fraternity members spend the late night hours collecting money for disabled students. They look so cold they aren't even aware that the Stoutonia staff has snapped their photo. Full story on page 3.

Disney representative in search of student interns

By Jenny Stabenow
News Writer

Imagine Mickey Mouse and "Grey's Anatomy" side-by-side. Then add ESPN next to both of them. It's the truth; Disney Company owns both ABC Family and ESPN.

At the Disney College Program seminar held on campus on Monday, Oct. 16, Andy DiGenova enlightened students with facts about Disney.

DiGenova represented the Disney College Program as a recruiter seeking University of Wisconsin-Stout students to take a paid internship at the Disney theme parks in Florida or California.

The program is a semester long and can be taken either in the fall or spring.

The seminar discussed four components of the unique internship program: earnings, learning, living and the Disney difference.

Every employee, whom

Disney calls "cast members," applies for certain positions at the parks and resorts. The top five positions are: lifeguard, quick service food and beverage, custodial, merchandise and operations, such as controlling rides.

Interns get paid \$6.67 per hour for forty hours a week. Any hours after forty are paid time and a half.

Learning is an optimal advantage of this internship program.

Training courses, collegiate courses, and exploration series are offered through Disney no extra charge.

College credit may be earned depending on your advisor at on campus.

Living options are provided at \$70-\$90 a week, depending on the apartment and number of roommates. Two to eight people may live together.

There is 24-hour security provided, and the apartments are fully furnished. Bus trans-

portation is also available with destinations to work, grocery stores, malls and more.

Many benefits are available through the internship program.

Free admission to all the theme parks is given, as well as free admittance for three family members or friends for six times during the internship.

Discounts are given on merchandise and services in the theme parks, as well as in the surrounding communities.

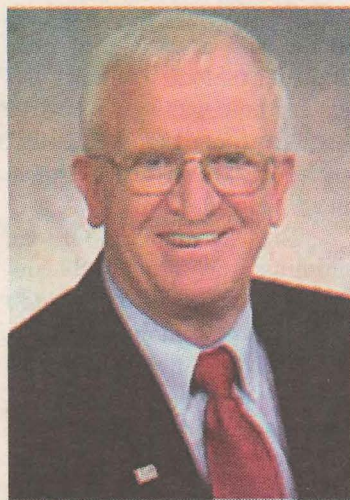
Four current UW-Stout students were at the seminar to share their personal experiences of participating in the Disney College Program.

They said that having the

Disney name on their resume has already opened doors for them. Also, they discussed the unlimited possibilities Disney can offer.

To find more information, you can access the Web site at disneycollegeprogram.com. Applications are available at the Web site.

Sorensen undergoes bypass



Source: <http://uwstout.edu>

By Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

Chancellor Charles Sorensen is currently at Luther Hospital in Eau Claire for pulmonary bypass surgery.

Sorensen's condition was diagnosed at an early stage through a stress test followed by an angiogram.

He will be out of commission for three weeks, and the extent of his surgery is unknown. Julie Furst-Bowe, the provost and vice chancellor, will be in charge during that time.

Doug Mell, the University of Wisconsin-Stout's Communications director, said things will be run smoothly while Chancellor Sorensen is away.

"We're going to miss his leadership, but the average student will probably not notice," said Mell. "Hopefully everything will be fine and he'll be back on his feet in no time."

Sorensen says he'll miss UW-Stout, but asks that flowers not be sent to the hospital. Cards can be sent to his home address, N8204 627th St., Colfax WI, 54730.

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Students express views on same-sex marriage

By Matthew Ader
News Writer

Expecting a group of 20 or 30 students, the University of Wisconsin-Stout's Ally Center was delighted on Tuesday to find Huff's, in the Memorial Student Center, crammed full of students interested in an open-group dialogue about same-sex marriage. An estimated 125 to 150 students arrived; an accurate account of those in attendance is not available yet.

The topic of the night's discussion was the issue of same-sex marriage and the specific wording and meaning of the upcoming Nov. 7 referendum for the marriage amendment to the Wisconsin Constitution.

Susan Wolfgram, a staff member at the Ally Center, was there to greet students to the discussion and talked about the basic idea behind the open dialogue.

This idea was to have a discussion, not a debate, not to challenge, but to express different views. She also introduced the panel members for the night and expressed her excitement about the vast number of students who attended.

Susan opened the floor to Katie Thompson, another staff member, who established the ground rules for the evening, which included such staples as: no interrupting speakers, listen intently, no physical contact, and no filibustering since interruption was not allowed.



Magdalen Hsu-Li's performance of her album "Smashing the Ceiling" is just one of many events scheduled for LGBT History Month. An open group dialogue on same-sex marriage preceded this event.

Jason Harsh/Stoutonia

A panel discussion followed Thompson's rule-laying and included some very persuasive presentations of thoughts and ideas.

Denise Skinner, a professor in the human development and family studies department, presented exactly what the wording on the proposed amendment meant. She was able to simplify the law down

to its three basic principles.

If initiated, the marriage amendment would deny licensed marriages to same-sex couples, prevent the recognition of legal same-sex marriages from other states, and block any form of statewide recognition of same-sex couples.

This is not the first amendment which has been proposed;

Skinner presented the history behind the amendments up for voting around the United States, which included one in 1999 which was killed in the legislature, and another in 2003 which was vetoed by Governor Jim Doyle.

From there, the panel moved on to Bonnie Nutt, who described her work with several lesbian couples in Northeastern Wisconsin.

Bonnie told stories of one such couple, whose son was injured when he fell from a tree. Because the biological mother was out of town at the time, her partner had to fight tooth and nail against the local hospital to get medical attention for her son because she was not considered the lawful stepmother.

Robert Salt, associate dean of human development, had a presentation that was so prepared that he wrote a transcript to avoid any confusion about his thoughts. He then proceeded by establishing that he was not present that night to speak as a professor but as an ordained minister who recognizes all religions.

He went on to say that none of the Western religions have holy texts which explicitly deny the right to same-sex marriages, they only have passages against the act of homosexuality, citing that it is an act which is untrue to one's self.

Yet the same texts in use also prominently state that the most important concept of any religion is to not pass judgment upon their neighbors.

Robert continued by stating

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2006 HC parade a crowd pleaser

By Jenny Stabenow
News Writer

Organizations lined up at the Dunn County Recreation Park as early as 9:00 a.m. to assemble floats for the annual homecoming parade.

There were more than 25 floats in this year's homecoming parade.

The parade began Saturday, Oct. 14 at 11 a.m. and traveled from the recreation park to Main Street down to Ninth Street. From Ninth Street the route extended to Wilson Avenue and finally down Third Street, which was the most populated.

People sat alongside the roads, on porches, and even on the rooftops of houses.

Ages ranged from newborns to the elderly, but the most common were those in college.

An accident occurred before the parade left the fair grounds when two college students were run over by a float. Medical assistance was called in.

David Lee Martin, 19, was one of the victims. University of Wisconsin-Stout's communications director Doug Mell, provided information stating that Martin suffered a broken ankle and a separated shoulder.

He had surgery on his ankle and was released Monday from Sacred Heart Hospital.

"No alcohol was involved in the accident," Mell said. "In fact, authorities give alcohol breath tests to all float drivers

and check the safety equipment on the float vehicles before the parade begins."

The pirate invasion theme was vastly represented. Floats became pirate ships and students were dressed up in costumes with eye patches and parrots on their shoulders.

"It was an enjoyable experience, especially the candy," said Kasey Miller, a freshman in business.

Candy was passed out along with a variety of odds and ends including buttons, flyers and hotdogs.

"Everyone looked cold!" said Teele Doherty, a freshman in art education.

The temperature of the morning was around 39 degrees. However, the cold didn't stop anyone from marching.

"The SAE float was my favorite," said Katrina Mattson, a freshman in business.

"It was a great bonding experience for our organization," said Bret Hasenfus, a freshman in engineering.

Listen, my friend, and heed my advice: take off your pants and slide on the ice.
—Old English proverb



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Wow, new pin striping!

Sunday, Oct. 8, a vehicle was deeply scratched all the way along the driver's side.

Black market permits

Monday, Oct. 9, a parking permit was removed from a vehicle while it was parked in lot 4.

It's polite to ask first

Monday, Oct. 9, at the Johnson Fieldhouse a bike was removed without permission.

Hot bananas! What?

Monday, Oct. 9, in the basement of CKTO, a fire alarm was set off by a banana, which was left in the microwave for 37 minutes.

Another day, another bike

Monday, Oct. 9, a bike parked at South Hall was stolen from a bike rack.

Custom engraving

Thursday, Oct. 12, a vehicle was scratched on the door while parked in lot 4.

Too quick to be caught

Thursday, Oct. 12, a complaint of loud noise occurred outside of CKTO Hall. When officers arrived, three males fled the scene back into HKMC Hall. They could not be located.

Sick to your stomach

Friday, Oct. 13, at Red Cedar Hall, a student who had been vomiting lost consciousness from an injury to the head by falling.

A bit too much ambiance

Friday, Oct. 13, the Wigen Hall fire alarm was activated by a student's fog machine.

Trashing bikes for fun

Saturday, Oct. 14, a motorcycle parked in lot 4 was tipped over causing \$250-\$400 in damage.

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Fraternity freezes selves for good cause

By Tracy Considine
News Editor

The Kappa Lambda Beta fraternity started its Rock-A-Thon on Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 5 p.m. and will continue until Friday, Oct. 20 at 5 p.m. The Rock-A-Thon is an annual event of KLB in memory of disabled alumni Patrick "Buckshot" Phalen, a 1972 University of Wisconsin-Stout graduate.

For a full 72 hours, members of KLB sit on rocking couches or in rocking chairs in the courtyard beside Bowman Hall. All the money they raise will be used for



Marisa Dempsey and Destinee Raiten brave the bitter cold on their rocking couch late Wednesday night.

a scholarship for a disabled UW-Stout student. Last year KLB was able to collect \$1000 in generous donations.

"Our mission is to be out there and helping other people," said Nichole Benson, a KLB member.

Fortunately, for KLB members who brave the cold year after year, this one seems to be a bit warmer than in the past.

"In the three years I have been out here, this year has been the warmest," said Benjamin "Spankee" Kretzschmar, also a KLB member.

Benson said that she was unsure of when the tradition was started but knows that it was the brothers along with Phalen's sisters that started it.

KLB is asking for your support. Donations can be placed in the jar where members are rocking or can be given at any time to Lona Landon. Contact her at landonl@uwstout.edu.

A brief update on your Stout Student Association

By Candice Maier
News Writer

The professional staff from University Recreation provided an informative presentation for the Stout Student Association Tuesday night.

The forum included statistics and success rates on last school year's overall involvement.

Erik Unger, Intramural Sports Coordinator spoke about

intramurals, including team, individual and dual sports.

These programs have had high participation, recruiting 2,040 students for the 2005-2006 academic year. The participants are 72 percent male and 28 percent female.

Another interesting aspect is that an overwhelming number of competitors happen to be in either their first or last year.

Unger suggested that while

half-way through college, students tend to decline in recreational participation, but then "remember" how fun sporting is and make the decision to get involved with intramurals again.

Stout Adventures is also associated with University Recreation. Tim Mertz Stout Adventures Coordinator presented information on the adventure challenge course, indoor climbing gym, equipment rental cen-

ter, trips and clinics, and youth climbing league.

The rope course in particular has had a high usage rate, accommodating 81 reservations to date this year.

"That's up since the year previous," said Mertz. "The adventure challenge course is open to community as well as students and staff here at Stout."

Another growth area was the youth climbing league. This program "has grown from 8 participants to 98 registered

participants over the course of 2 years."

This year an advanced and more challenging league is being offered. "This is really a point of pride in the program," explains Mertz.

Last, the 2005-2006 University Recreation budget was presented. Total expenditures exceeded \$309,000.

"The budget ended up extremely healthy," said Lori Anda-Bowen, University Recreation Director.

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NEWS for the college attention span

Cream puff wedding gown

A famous chef's fiancé in the Ukraine was surprised when the chef made her wedding gown. The gown was made out of cream puffs. The dress has a total of 1,500 cream puffs weighing a collective 20 pounds. The gown took the chef two months to complete.

Illinois family dead

Two parents and their three daughters were found dead in their home Saturday morning. The couple's son was arrested as a suspect. The reason for the slayings is not yet known.

Secret Service to MySpace

Frustrated with President Bush and the war on Iraq, Julia Wilson posted threats on her MySpace account. The 14-year-old girl was taken out of class by the Secret Service for questioning.

Tattoos invade workplace

A study published in June in the Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology found that about half of people in their 20s have either tattoos or body piercings other than traditional ear piercing. This is forcing many businesses to re-write office dress codes.

Ski season starts

Arapahoe Basin ski area, near Denver, Colo., opened for skiers and snowboarders by creating artificial snow. It has been a competition for many years as to which area ski hill will open first.

DNA frees man from prison

After spending 11 years in prison, Allen Coco was freed because of a DNA test. He was convicted for rape and burglary in 1995. He was released on Thursday.

Gotta read this, it's sick

Zachary Bowen, 28, murdered his girlfriend, Adriane Hall. Her body was found in their apartment. Her head was charred and in a pot, her arms and legs were in the oven and her refrigerator. Bowen then jumped from his seventh-story window.

A note in his pocket positively identified the dismembered girl as Bowen's girlfriend. Police say that Hall had kicked Bowen out for cheating, and he retaliated, strangling her and cutting her body with a knife and a saw.

"The perfect date" not so perfect

By Jenny Stabenow
News Writer

Men walked in women's shoes during the University of Wisconsin-Stout's homecoming parade on Oct. 14. They marched to protest rape, sexual assault and gender violence.

Research indicates that the best overall predictor of gender violence is rigid, traditional gender-role attitudes.

Susan Wolfgram, assistant professor in human development & family studies, plants the seeds with her Individual and Family Relations students about how our entrenched societal gender role attitudes can lead to gender violence through an

experiential exercise called, "The Perfect Date."

Gender identity and gender role attitudes reflect the most deeply embedded concepts that we hold about ourselves, often unconsciously.

Wolfgram does an experiential exercise with her class called "The Perfect Date." It can apply to any two individuals and is not based on heterosexual couples.

In the exercise, students individually write down their own perfect date, step-by-step.

They make their list very detailed: who initiates the date, who makes the decisions, where to go and who ends the date and how.

Then, the students get into

their groups and they work on gaining consensus on one majority date.

The results change little from semester to semester. Not including all the details that accompany these dates.

With few exceptions, six groups of students, both males and females, agree that their idea of a "perfect date" is: He asks her out, he decides what they do, he picks her up, he pays and he ends the date.

Is this a big deal? Wolfgram feels this is a very important problem.

"The big deal is that young people today continue for the most part to 'do relationship' based on scripts

with little collaboration and communication," said Wolfgram. "The couple dynamics are the traditional 'one down' which can lead to power & control abuses.

The dynamics are less about gender and more about one partner having power and control over the decision-making in the couple relationship."

Students are often shocked at what they see before them on the board following the exercise. It speaks to the deeply entrenched roles and attitudes that are played out in society.

Many female students acknowledge that even if they offered to pay for dinner, and the guy accepted, they would think he would be "less of a man."

"If we are to grow as humans and in relationships beyond a script, we need to seriously examine traditional gender roles, what it means to be female and male in this society," said Wolfgram.

Wolfgram believes people can identify as male or female but with the freedom to be authentically who they are as a person without the rigid constraints of gender role attitudes.

She also believes that people should be able to choose traits from a continuum from male to female and understand that what constrains one gender constrains the other.

She contends that sexual violence statistics remain high and ignoring traditional gender role attitudes contributes to who is in charge without collaboration and mutuality, supporting the power and control dynamic.

"Somehow we need to get to the point where communication, collaboration, and mutuality are what turns us on," said Wolfgram.

Veterans adjust to campus life

By Jenny Stabenow
News Writer

Most University of Wisconsin-Stout students don't worry about combat stress reactions, redeployment anxiety or hypervigilance, the difficulty finding safety in your environment. However, veterans returning from war may experience these obstacles when returning to UW-Stout.

There are about 150 veterans currently enrolled at UW-Stout. Returning veterans of UW-Stout can join the Veteran's Forum for help readjusting to civilian life.

The goal of the forum is to offer veterans an "opportunity to help identify, clarify, and understand any reactions and emotions that they may experience as a result of time on duty," said Grant Bauste of the Counseling Center.

"The readjustment to civil-

ian life along with the stressors of being a student can be difficult and hard to face alone," said Bauste.

The Veteran's Forum is intended to provide education and support, not counseling or therapy sessions. However, counseling and therapy services are also available through the Counseling Center to participants who are interested.

Veterans may face combat stress reactions after returning from war. This can include: feeling nervous, depression, difficulty trusting others, hyper-alertness, feeling grief or sadness, having memories that won't go away, nightmares, anxiety and paranoia.

The Veteran's Forum advises returning veterans to take an easy course load, get involved in activities, limit exposure to traumatic information, take care of physical needs, talk to veteran representatives in the school,

focus on themselves, give back to the community and visit the Vet Center.

The Veteran's Forum has psychologists with extensive training and experience to help with adjustments. The forum is completely confidential and honors privacy of all participants.

This group, led by Grant Bauste and John Achter of the counseling department, has gotten a tremendous amount of support from the faculty of UW-Stout and the community. The forum was developed this summer and continues to grow.

Meetings are held Tuesdays from 4-5:30 p.m. in 425 Bowman Hall. To participate contact Grant Bauste at bausteg@uwstout.edu or John Achter at achterj@uwstout.edu, or call at 232-2468 for more information.

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that anyone who uses a holy text, in a literal form, as their only reason for disagreeing with same-sex marriage, should then also follow the entirety of that holy text literally, instead of creating a double standard and hypocrisy.

Emily Ballinger of Campus Crusade for Christ then presented a number of Bible passages related to homosexuality and same-sex marriages.

Once the panelists completed their portion of the discussion, the dialogue between students was opened up, where students could provide their own insights, feelings, anxieties and thoughts about same-sex mar-

riage and homosexuality.

At the end of the night, the Ally Center staff collected evaluation forms from those who attended.

Students who are interested in learning more about the Ally Center and issues of diversity can contact the Ally Center in the MSC, room 138 at (715) 232-2584, or allycenter@uwstout.edu.

The referendum on Nov. 7 also includes a section judging public opinion about enacting the death penalty in Wisconsin.

Students are also reminded that any student who can legally vote and has lived on campus for more than ten days is allowed to vote here in Wisconsin on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

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On average 70 percent of all Americans have visited Disneyland/Disney World

Today's TV's have no channel 1. In the 1940s the Federal Communications Commission re-assigned TV's channel 1 to two-way radios (like in taxis), but forgot to change the dials on TV's to reflect the change.

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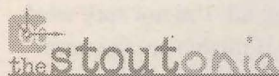


Staff Editorial The Stoutonia Staff

What are your thoughts on *The Stoutonia*?

As in the name, *The Stoutonia*, silly.

Over time, *The Stoutonia* staff has collected feedback on the various opinions people have for the title of our humble student newspaper. Since 1915 our newspaper has been in operation under the title *The Stoutonia*, but times are changing, and so is our paper.



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In accordance with the ongoing redesign of our paper, *The Stoutonia* has been considering a switch in the name department as well. A lot has changed since 1915 and now many people believe *The Stoutonia* to sound rather stodgy or old-fashioned and not very compatible with the interests of the modern reader.

It is, after all, the year 2006—the age of contraptions such as the Segway scooter and the iPod. Has *The Stoutonia* outlived its usefulness as a name?

As with any other changes to our paper, however, *The Stoutonia* needs your input in dealing with this decision. This would be a very large change for our identity, and since we are a school newspaper whose priority is providing news for you, the students, it is vital that we receive your feedback on the matter.

We would also like to know what you think our



new title should be, or if you think we even need a new title.

There will be an envelope available at the service center on the second floor of the Memorial Student Center

specifically for collecting your opinions and thoughts on our name change. Simply write your suggestions on the editorial cartoon seen above, cut it out and drop it off in the envelope.

The Stoutonia will be asking peoples' opinions on this matter for the next two weeks, and are eager to hear any ideas you folks might have, so please don't hesitate to tell us what you think!

Like mixing fruit and cake



Matt Schubbe Columnist

Toy companies really need to stop ruining my childhood, or at least my memories of it. In an effort to, I'm assuming, turn a profit on several toy lines at once, Hasbro has taken two things that I love and combined them to form one thing that raises my ire (whatever that means). It seems that Hasbro has seen fit, in its infinite plaything wisdom, to make a line of abominations known as Star Wars Transformers. All I can do is lament: Why?

I don't need an inaccurate version of Boba Fett's Slave 1 ship that actually turns into Boba Fett. To begin with, how can he pilot AND be the ship at the same time? That doesn't make any kind of sense! Second, because the ship has to turn back and forth from Slave 1 to Boba, neither of the incarnations are movie-accurate depictions. That may not be a big deal to you, but for a Star Wars enthusiast like myself it means everything. Boba Fett is arguably one of the coolest characters from the Star Wars franchise and all its various books and comics. To turn him into some cheap robo-mech amalgamation to satisfy the Power Ranger generation is just

too much.

But I believe I'm speaking too soon. Not only did they give Boba Fett an unnecessary cybernetic upgrade, but two of my (and many other fans') favorite characters as well, namely Han Solo and Chewbacca the Wookiee. If you hadn't already guessed, these two transform from a halved Millennium Falcon into their monstrous mechanoid selves.

By now I'm guessing readers may be wondering why this is such a big deal to me. I've already stated in this article that I enjoy both "Star Wars" and "Transformers," so why do I have a problem with this? To explain, I'll take a page from comedian Jim Gaffigan's stand-up act in which he describes the awful qualities of fruitcake: "Fruit: good. Cake: great. Fruitcake: nasty crap."

You see, fruitcake is made of two almost universally delicious foods, but it's terrible. Similarly, these Star Wars Transformers are made from two beloved sci-fi/fantasy franchises, but combining them just seems like an attempt to elicit more cash from the collective memories of both of those franchises. That's where the trouble lies. In my opinion, Hasbro should have left well enough alone. I don't need Boba Fett linked to the Deceptikons, and I don't need Harrison Ford to transform into anything other than, well, Harrison Ford. Just like barbeque sauce, he's usually great on his own.

What's immoral is legislating love

Theresa Radtke Columnist

Wednesday, Oct. 11 was national coming-out day. I think that is just spectacular. Even though I would like to think that people don't need a specific day to "come out," I really like that we have a day reserved for it.

A lot of people in American society today are against gay/lesbian relationships, in particular, same-sex marriage. Political leaders run for or against it, the community votes for or against it and I don't understand how same-sex relationships affect their lives in any way.

I was sitting in church one Sunday a couple of weeks ago and the topic my pastor was preaching about was why it's wrong for gay/lesbian people to be together. He basically said it was morally wrong and if we know people who are homosexuals we should try and show them the light. But, if it is wrong, then why did God make people be that way? Is it supposed to be some kind of test?

After the service, my mom and I kind of got into a heated debate on what the pastor had said. I claimed that all people are the same, it doesn't matter if they are lesbian or straight; they should be able to marry anyone they want. Some homosexuals are very religious, they follow their religions and can be more faithful to their God than any other religious person. What if

they really can't help that they are homosexual?

Then my mom compared being homosexual to a drinking problem. According to this comparison, they both are something that can get out of control. If someone has a drinking problem then they need to go to AA meetings, get some kind of help for the problem. Same goes for homosexuals, they need to go someplace where people will help them overcome being homosexual.

What is that? I do know that in the Bible it is written that homosexuality is bad, I have read it. Still, it was written a long time ago and like old textbooks, it should be revised.

In today's society it is not uncommon for some of the population to be bisexual. No one is either 100 percent straight or 100 percent gay/lesbian. Gender roles have changed drastically.

This whole same-sex marriage thing should really be turned into a less critical issue. We should be worrying about education if anything...apart from the war.

All I want to say is hey, if you like the same sex that you are, I'm happy for you.

If you find the love you're looking for, great!

If you know it's real and it's just who you are, then don't let anybody tell you different.

In times like these, I look to The Beatles for inspiration, "love, love, love, is all you need."

letters to the editor

Dear Editor,

I need to respond to the recent October 12th article entitled "Breast Cancer Awareness Steps Forward at Stout." Although the article is informative, it has some inaccurate statements in it.

The statement that "birth control pills increase the risk for breast cancer" and that "studies show women on the pill are 10-30% more likely to get breast cancer" are inaccurate. The Pill has been on the market in the U.S. for over 40 years and has been used safely by many American women. Numbers of studies have been performed to evaluate the increase risk of breast cancer with birth control pills and there has been no research that substantiates this link. According to Contraceptive Technology, a leading reference for birth control methods, "After more than 50 studies, most experts believe that birth control pills have little, if any, effect on the risk of developing breast cancer."

The Woman's Care Study found no increased risk for breast cancer among women currently using the Pill. And a recent summary of studies that current users of the Pill are more likely to be diagnosed with breast cancer is explained by a detection bias, meaning that Pill users are simply more likely to have existing breast cancer identified because they are having more breast

exams/mammograms during their yearly gynecological visits -when they obtain their prescription for the Pill.

I've been providing women's health care for more than 20 years. I don't want women to be afraid of taking birth control pills due to an unfounded cancer risk. And more importantly, I don't want women to be misinformed by your article.

Thank you.

Laura Cragin APNP
Nurse Practitioner

Dear Editor,

Once again the trees on 12th ave. took a hit on Saturday night, Home Coming Night. Five trees lining the street had big branches torn off. 12th Ave is the street between Riverside liquor and Dominos Pizza. This seems to happen every year. It's sad that some people need to behave so badly. The good news is that on Sunday while walking the neighborhood I collected two large grocery bags of flattened aluminum cans that I donated to the Humane Society. These cans were in the street not in the yards. Here is a friendly tip; people who are agitated and excited by drinking, the more they drink the higher they feel, are at risk for becoming alcoholics as adults.

Debbie
Friendly Neighbor



If batman truly wanted to strike terror into the heart of his enemies. . .

Being weird is the new "in" thing



Sam Schuna

Opinions Editor

Can someone please tell me: When exactly did it become cool to be weird?

I was having this conversation with my sister not a fortnight ago. We were driving in her car doing errands while listening to soundtracks from Disney movies like "Mary Poppins" and "The Little Mermaid," when suddenly we just started dancing to the music in the car, singing the lyrics and waving our hands in a roundabout fashion. Exhausted after our spirited dance of festive Disney love, I then proceeded to ask her, "Do you think we're weird?"

She responded, "Yes, definitely."

But I don't think that kind of thing really is weird. I mean, seriously—who hasn't done that kind of thing before when they were in a good mood around people they are close to? If that kind of behavior really is abnormal, then I would have to argue that 99 percent of the world's population is 'weird' or 'abnormal.' I'm not saying that I'm really like that all the time

(even though I do enjoy singing along to Disney music quite frequently), but I think other people do similar or even more outlandish things like this just as frequently as I.

But then another thing dawned on me. Back in the day, weird kids were punished in the hallways for their 'weird kid' ways by shadowy, merciless monoliths known as school bullies, who also fit the preppy jock athlete stereotype reasonably well 99.9 percent of the time. Those kids were also always incredibly popular.

But now it seems like the roles have reversed, and the weird kids are the ones reigning the halls.

The reason I say this is because anytime I am hanging around one of my friends and they do something awkwardly humorous or say something uniquely funny, I may call them a complete freak of nature or a total weirdo, and a monstrous grin would immediately proceed to take form on their face.

The truth is, saying someone is weird or calling them a freak has almost turned into somewhat of a compliment now.

I personally think I am a rather normal and even somewhat boring individual, but you'd be hard pressed to get most of my friends to admit that about me. Then again, you'd probably be hard pressed to get

me to admit that about most of my friends if I was discussing them with you, even though 99 percent of my friends are in actuality totally normal individuals like everyone else.

Maybe I'm mistaken and it in fact has always been cool to be weird. But I'm not entirely convinced. Maybe it's just a matter of what age and how mature people around you are, or how casually the term is used.

In the cult classic "Donnie Darko," for instance, after Donnie meets Gretchen and is walking home from school with her, he gets to talking about how he can relate to her because he has emotional issues like her father and then proceeds to mention his topic penicillin and antibiotics when the subject is brought up. Gretchen then tells Donnie that he is "weird," at which point Donnie proceeds to apologize for his weirdness but not before Gretchen explains to him that she meant it as a compliment.

All in all, I'm not sure what to think: If misfits are the norm now, are normal people going to be ridiculed and mocked?

One last piece of advice, then: If you want to compliment somebody for something, be it a girl/boy you have a crush on, a good friend or just a sibling, jokingly call them a weird freak of nature. I guarantee four times out of five you will at least get a demure smile.

Wigen haunted? You'd better believe it!



Jason Harsh

Photo Editor

I may be a far cry from the Cryptkeeper of your childhood, but I have a story that is nonetheless terrifying and with as much as 60 percent of the bad puns of the original.

This story begins on a dark and stormy night...well, it wasn't particularly stormy, but it was damp. So dark and...well let's just say it was damp and unpleasant. The time was a little after midnight. A friend and I had just settled down and made some popcorn, for we had a terrible case of the late night munchies. Suddenly, with no provocation or warning, my micro-fridge shut off!

I thought to myself, "Surely this is a fluke, some sort of power surge has occurred...or possibly some circuit has been tripped."

I, being a man of no fear, checked the power strip, the connection to the wall, the connection to the back of the micro-fridge; I checked every connection that I could find.

Nothing. Then another terror, my speakers cut out!

This is not an everyday occurrence, as my speakers are of high quality.

I again dutifully checked out every connection that I could find, and had no luck.

Then, to our surprise, the micro-fridge turned back on! We were, to say the least, a little freaked out. Then the beeping started...The micro-fridge beeped at us incessantly, as if it hadn't already commanded the attention of the entire room. Little did I know this was only the beginning of the horror of the night.

As my friend and I sat around, attempting to explain away the strange occurrence, the apparition struck again. A jarring guitar riff broke the taut silence of the room, scaring the bejesus out of both my friend and I as my speakers jolted back to life.

At this point, we were both convinced that the ghoul was tormenting us for some reason that we could not fathom. It was at this time that my friend noticed that my alarm clock, on a third, totally separate power strip, had reset. The computer connected to that very same power strip however, had not.

Then I remembered...I remembered the horrible event that started the entire ordeal...

I had installed Linux.

Yes kiddies, Linux. That must have been it. The specter hadn't showed his pesky face until about a day after I installed a distribution of Linux on my PC (though technically he didn't actually show his face at all).

The fiend! He must have been passionate about the Windows operating system!

What other explanation is there? Could it have been the student who was struck by lightning outside of JTC a number of years back? Was he passionate about the Windows operating system?

I don't know for sure, but I'm willing to bet that he was. Perhaps the idea of Linux running on a machine on a campus that he lived on rubbed him (like a wool sock on shag carpet) the wrong way. Perhaps he "struck" out at this offense...the only way he knew how...

Also, there has been at least one spanking by a supposed ghost in the very same building, so how that relates to Windows, Linux and electricity are beyond me. Maybe it was a "shocking" experience.

In any case, the experience has left me with mixed feelings. I'm a little freaked out that I'm being haunted by some electricity ghost, and I'm also intrigued by the thought of a ghost having free range to spank at his own discretion...Indeed...

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Thursday, Oct. 19

- Regional Graduate and Professional School Fair "Steps Toward Your Future." 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Zorn Arena, Eau Claire.
- "The Greenest Generation Challenge" with U.S. Congressman Ron Kind. 10-11 a.m. Ballroom C, MSC
- Public sale of UW-Stout surplus property. 12:30-2:30 p.m. University Services Building Room 146. Bids awarded at 2:30 p.m.
- Curriculum and Instruction Committee Meeting. 2:30-5 p.m. Cedarwood and Maplewood Rooms, MSC

Friday, Oct. 20

- Creating Engagement in the Literature Classroom for General Education. 2-4 p.m. Millennium Hall Room 205

Tuesday, Oct. 24

- Academic Advising - No classes
- University Priority Listening Session, Stout Student Association. 7 p.m. Ballroom C, MSC

Wednesday, Oct. 25

- Campus Sustainability Day
- Campus Sustainability Webcast. 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Millennium Hall Room 205
- University Priority Listening Session, open session 3. 2 p.m. Millennium Hall Room 205
- Visions Conference. Must be pre-registered. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. MSC.

Thursday, Oct. 26

- University Priority Listening Session, open session 4. 8 a.m. Millennium Hall Room 201
- The Learner-Centered Classroom: Building Rapport and Community. 12-1:30 p.m. Millennium Hall Room 205

Entertainment

Thursday, Oct. 19

- Rock-a-Thon. All-day. Clock Tower Plaza between Bowman Hall and Harvey Hall.
- Movie: "Living With Pride: The Ruth Ellis Story." 10:10-11:30 a.m. Home Economics Building Room 131
- Mabel Tainter Theater presents: "Brighton Beach Memoirs" 7 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater
- Blue Devil Productions presents: Mark Mallman w/ Superhopper. Free w/Stout ID, \$1 public. 8 p.m. Rec Center, MSC

Friday, Oct. 20

- Rock-a-Thon. Ends at 5 p.m. Clock Tower Plaza between Bowman Hall and Harvey Hall.
- Mabel Tainter Theater presents: "Brighton Beach Memories." 7 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater
- Moonlight Bowling. 8-11 p.m. Rec Center, MSC

Saturday, Oct. 21

- Movie: "Corpse Bride" 7 p.m. Applied Arts Room 210
- Mabel Tainter Theater presents: "Brighton Beach Memoirs" 7 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater

Sunday, Oct. 22

- Mabel Tainter Theater presents: "Brighton Beach Memoirs" 2 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater

Monday, Oct. 23

- Casino Night. 8 p.m. Terrace, MSC
- PONG LAN Event. 6 p.m. Great Hall, MSC

Tuesday, Oct. 24

- Academic Advising - No classes
- Fatal Ride. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. South Campus
- University Dining Presents: Oktoberfest Buffet. \$7.50 in advance, \$8.50 day of event. 11 a.m. to 1

- p.m. Great Hall, MSC
- Movie: "Inconvenient Truth" 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Huff's, MSC

Wednesday, Oct. 25

- Campus Sustainability Day
- Movie: "After Stonewall" 6-8:15 p.m. Ballroom A, MSC
- Reception to Celebrate LGBT History Month. 8-9 p.m. Ally Center, MSC
- Blue Devil Productions presents: comedian Kelly Taylor. Free w/Stout ID, \$1 public. 8 p.m. Huff's, MSC

Thursday, Oct. 26

- Open Mic Night. 8-11:30 p.m. Rec Center, MSC
- Dance Ensemble & Spoken Word. 7 p.m. MSC
- "Bowling for Boobs" 7 p.m. Rec Center, MSC

Athletics

Friday, Oct. 20

- Men and Women Cross Country @ Lake Wissota Invitational. 4 p.m.
- Volleyball @ UW-Whitewater. 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 21

- Football @ UW-River Falls. 1 p.m.
- Volleyball @ UW-Oshkosh. 1 p.m.
- Soccer @ UW-Stevens Point. 2 p.m.
- Tennis WIAC Championships @ Madison

Sunday, Oct. 22

- Soccer @ Wartburg College. 2 p.m.
- Tennis WIAC Championships @ Madison

Tuesday, Oct. 24

- Volleyball @ Northwestern. 7 p.m.

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Near-record-breaking indie rocker to grace TNO



Jenna Wojan
Entertainment Writer

Mark Mallman will be headlining the weekly Thursday Night Out in the Memorial Student Center Rec Center on Oct. 19 along with Superhopper. The 33-year-old Minneapolis-based musician studied jazz at the Milwaukee Conservatory of Music.

Mallman's newest album, "Between The Devil and Middle C," has been described as "a marriage between '70s glam and '80s rock." Mallman has made a name for himself as an indie-rocker, vocalist and keyboardist at the famous Minneapolis venue, First Avenue.

Mallman's biggest boast is his near-record-breaking concert lengths. In 1999 at the Turf Club in St. Paul, Minn., he played a nonstop 26.2 hour-long performance of a single song with a rotating cast of 28 musicians and 312 pages of lyrics.

In 2004, at the same club, he scratched out the previous record, playing "Marathon 2" for 52.4 hours straight, which was reportedly comprised of up to 600 pages of lyrics. "Marathon 2" was considered for a Guinness world record as the longest pop song.

However, the record was denied because of the subjective nature of judging what defines a song.

"While there is nothing industrial about Mark Mallman's music, he does sweat rage," said journalist Cornell Burton McDaniel about Mallman's live performance at First Avenue. "He and his keyboard, which remains intact, are reminiscent of a super-pissed Randy Newman backed by a '70s rock band."

Behind Mallman's rock-posing crazy-man persona is a creative genius, as can be witnessed in his weblog at www.markmallman.com.

"I counted thirty-five minutes of sunset in downtown, the usual extraordinary weekend unfolded" wrote Mallman in his blog. "My curly haired face was down in the pillow by 11 p.m.

Lost in forests, with trees like misshapen, beautiful horses – the vision quest succeeded me."

Interested in discovering new sounds and new music, Mallman has immersed himself in the Minneapolis indie-music scene. Discovering Melodious Owl, a local Minneapolis pop band, he aided in the production of their 2005 self-titled release.

At their August 2005 CD release show he introduced himself as an "old hippie that hangs out in the bushes behind your school" and even accompanied the band for one of their songs. Mallman is also closely affiliated to the University of Minnesota student-run college radio, AM 770 Radio K.

The four young men that make up St. Paul, Minn. band Superhopper sometimes do not hear their fans above the loud, fast rock that pours from their amplifiers. Call them rockers. Call them rule breakers. Just call them anything but pop-punk.

Hailed as "a more melodic Hold Steady" by Minnesota's Star Tribune, Superhopper has surprised audiences in local bars with their have-to-get-up-and-



Source: www.Howwastheshow.com

Mark Mallman brings a mix of '70s glam and '80s rock to the stage. Mallman and St. Paul band Superhopper will come to Stout Oct. 19

dance drum beats and crazy in-show antics.

Superhopper recalled memories of their most interesting show to *Minnesota Daily* writer Oren Greenburg.

"We played a show behind some record store on a grassy field in Ypsilanti, Mich. to a crowd of smelly dogs and

hippies that hated us," said one band member. "It was real weird. But we play weird shows at weird places, because it's all about the music, really. I mean, if there's one guy in the back of some field in Ypsilanti that gets us, that's all we care about. We just like to play music and have a good time."

Brilliant comedy hits town

Stout students among cast at Mabel Tainter

By Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

The Mabel Tainter Theater of Menomonie is hosting "Brighton Beach Memoirs," a comedic coming-of-age-story that takes place in the 1930s. The show is in its second week and has gotten rave reviews.

"We've gotten lots of calls that people love [Brighton Beach Memoirs]," said Ann Salt, director of the Menomonie Theater Guild. "It's a brilliantly written play that resonates with anyone who has a family."

There are seven actors in the play, one of whom is a Univer-

sity of Wisconsin-Stout student, senior Andy Christianson. Other members of the cast include Salt's son, Josh Salt, who is the lead; thirteen-year-old Emily Salt; Kent Dolezol; Kendra Tamburg; Tessa Hauck-Reed; and Deb Anderson, who works for the *Dunn County News*. UW-Stout student Darci Halverson is the stage manager.

The show can still be viewed Thursday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Tickets for the show are normally \$13, but for the final week, rush tickets will be sold at \$4 or \$5 for UW-Stout students who present their IDs.

Seminar on Land of the Dead

A chilling look into the hell of Auschwitz

By Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

The Social Science Research Center is putting on a series of seminars, beginning Monday, Oct. 23.

The first seminar titled "Tourist in the Land of the Dead: Auschwitz Today" will be presented by Chris Simer.

There will be a lecture outlining the history of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp complex.

Today the camp functions as a historical site, a research center and a memorial to the victims of the Nazis during World War II. There will be photographs showing what the camp was

like during the war and what the same site looks like today. Photographs will also briefly touch on the controversies surrounding the location, which is still a very potent symbol in politics.

The seminar, which is free to the public, will be held from 6-8 p.m. in the Maplewood and Oakwood rooms of the Memorial Student Center.

Future seminars include "Historical Relevance of China Today" presented by Kathy Calahan on Monday, Nov. 27. "US Demand for Energy: How is it Shaping the World?" presented by Jack Reardon on Monday, Dec. 11 will be the final seminar. Both seminars will begin at 5 p.m. in Huff's.



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Remembering Iwo Jima

Iconic photo is the focus of new film



Chris Moellering

Entertainment Writer

On Friday, Oct. 20 Americans will get to watch the events that led to one of the most iconic photographs of all time. The photograph is of six American soldiers raising the American flag on top of Mount Suribachi, located on the tiny Japanese island of Iwo Jima. The photograph was taken during the battle of Iwo Jima, during World War II. This was instantly seen as a heroic symbol of victory.

Americans can now relive this moment in the much anticipated film "Flags of Our Fathers." The movie is based on the best-selling book written by James Bradley. Bradley is the son of John "Doc" Bradley, one of the six soldiers in the photograph raising the flag. Bradley decided to write the book after his father died. "Everyone knows the photo, but nobody knows the story," said Bradley.

The photo captures hope and victory, but it disguises the story of the battle.

When people think of World War II battles, they rarely think of Iwo Jima, which was actually the largest sea-armada invasion of all time. For 36 days there were nearly 100,000 soldiers fighting on an island that is one-third the size of Manhattan.

During those 36 days the tiny island was the most populated 7.5 square miles on earth.

Only 1,083 of the 22,000 Japanese soldiers survived. American soldiers also suffered 6,821 deaths and over 20,000 wounded. Medals were awarded to 27 soldiers, one-quarter of all medals awarded during World War II. The battle of Iwo Jima ended up being the turning point of the war.

The book and the movie share the same theme. They show not only the events that led up to the raising of the flag, but what happened to the six men afterwards. Sadly, three of the men were killed in the days following the photograph. Of the other three, only John "Doc" Bradley went on to lead a successful life, although he did suffer from nightmares and flashbacks.

"Flags of our Fathers" brought two legendary film makers together: Clint Eastwood and Steven Spielberg.

Eastwood directed and produced this film, while Spielberg co-produced it. The movies produced by these two men have earned millions of dollars and multiple awards.

Eastwood is known for his starring role as "Dirty Harry," but the movies he has directed and produced have also been

mega-hits. In 2005, Eastwood won two Oscars, best picture and best director, for his movie "Million Dollar Baby." In 2003, his movie "Mystic River" won six Academy Award nominations, but failed to bring home any Oscars.

His 1993 movie "Unforgiven" won nine nominations and took home four Oscars, including best picture and best director.

It seems everything this man touches turns to gold. He is responsible for two of the largest grossing films of all time: "E.T." and "Jurassic Park."

He also has experience in making World War II films. Spielberg won two Oscars, best picture and best director, for his film "Schindler's List." He added a third Oscar for his war drama "Saving Private Ryan."

Together, Eastwood and Spielberg make a dynamic duo. Eastwood wanted to do "Flags of Our Fathers" after he read the book and instantly saw it as a challenge. He would have to capture emotions of people in two different settings, during a battle and afterwards when they return home.

Eastwood did not want to make a pro- or anti-war film. He wanted the actions to speak for themselves.

Along with two legendary filmmakers, the film comes with a solid cast.

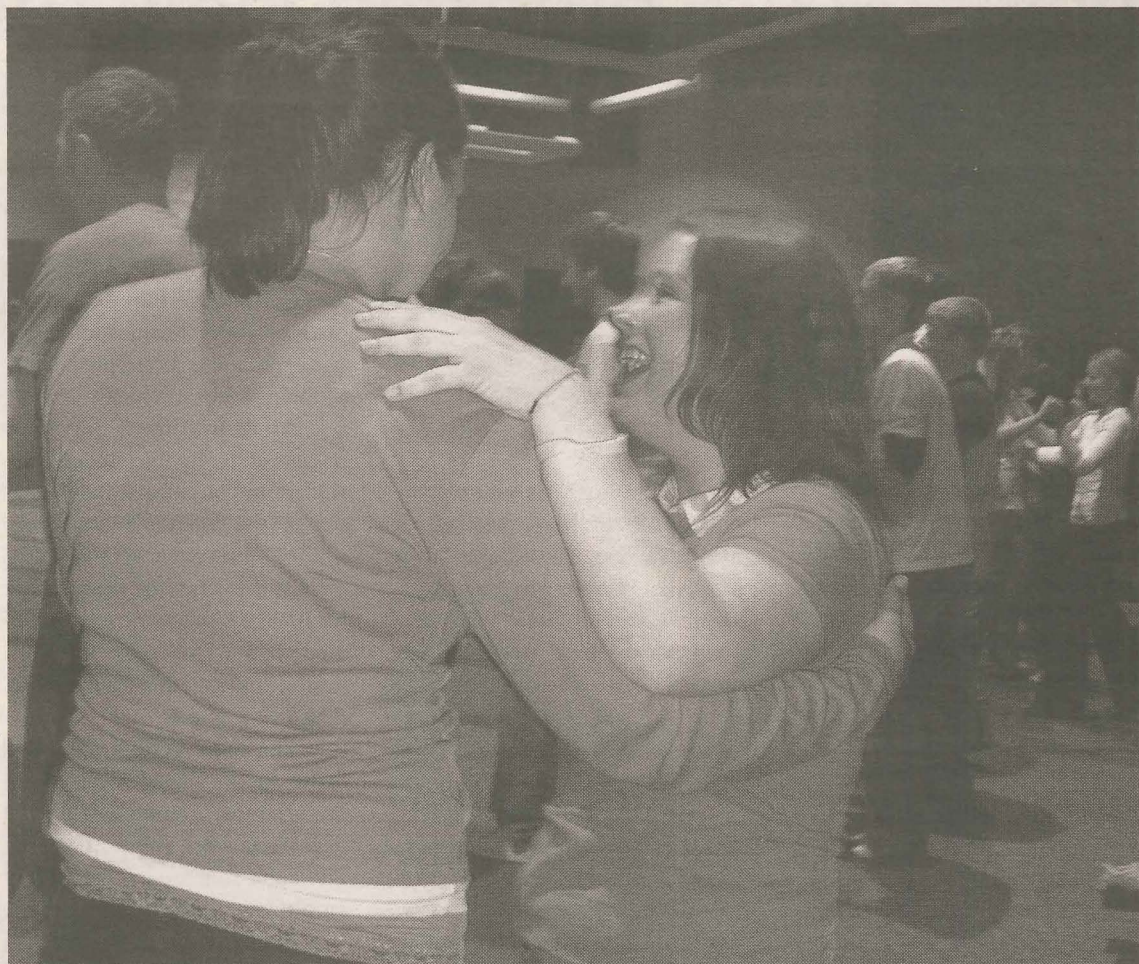
The main character of John "Doc" Bradley is played by Ryan Phillippe. Phillippe is known for his role in the Oscar winning best picture "Crash." He can also be seen in the horror flick "I Know What You Did Last Summer" and twisted drama "Cruel Intentions."

Jesse Bradford plays the role of Rene Gagnon, who was a runner during the war and tried to cash in on his fame, but nothing ever amounted from it. Bradford can also be seen in "Bring it on" and "Swimfan." The third surviving flag-raiser, Ira Hayes, is played by Adam Beach from "Windtalkers." This character's story is a tragic one. After the war, Ira can't deal with being a national hero and falls into a life of alcoholism and numerous stints in jail. He eventually dies of exposure. His story is also told in "The Ballad of Ira Hayes," a song written by Peter Lafarge and performed by Johnny Cash.

"Flags of Our Fathers" is not the first movie made about the battle of Iwo Jima. The 1949 film "The Sands of Iwo Jima," starring John Wayne, was a fictional account of the battle. "Flags of Our Fathers" takes the story much deeper and develops characters much further. Eastwood said he did not want to make "another bullshit John Wayne film."

He wanted to show the real war, so expect a lot of action.

Salsa if you're sober in October



Stacie McCormack/Stoutonia

UW-Stout students had a fun time learning how to perform ethnic dances like the salsa and cha cha. The only thing one student could find to complain about was the lack of men brave enough to attend.

By Jenna Wojan
Entertainment Writer

On Tuesday night, Oct. 12, the Great Hall in the Memorial Student Center hosted cha cha and salsa dancing.

As the dancers gyrated, shimmied and grooved to the beat of classic salsa music and contemporary pop hits, professional instructor Joy Dovina circled the room, showing students how to perfect their turns, twists and cha chas.

The event was a part of Oct-Sober and was sponsored by the Inter Residence Hall Association, SSA and Latinos Unidos. President of Latinos Unidos Jennifer Arellano commented on

the large turnout for the event in its third year at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. "Sponsoring the event helps get our name out," said Arellano.

After the class, sophomore Shea Stori stood by while her partner Brandon Maas nursed a foot injury. Although the minor wound was not received during the lesson, Maas laughed and said, "it hurt to cha cha."

Both had experience with dancing, being involved in the Stout Swing Club, but not everyone there had previous dance backgrounds.

"The class was absolutely great," said Eline Cos, a foreign-exchange student from Holland. "Although it would have been bet-

ter if there were more guys here."

"This is my favorite group of people to teach because there is an eagerness to learn," said Dovina.

Dovina grew up dancing, taking ballet, tap and jazz since she was six years old. She majored in dance at Northwestern University and taught for five years at Arthur Murray College before opening up her own studio, Social Dance Studio in Minneapolis. Dovina also teaches at the University of Minnesota.

"College students learn so fast," said Dovina. "You can just feel the stress of school go away with dance."

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"The Departed" marks another triumph for Scorsese



Jerome Butchee

Entertainment Writer

Officer Billy Costigan has been offered a promotion to go undercover in the toughest crime syndicate in Boston. Colin Sullivan has just been sworn into the Boston state police department. His crime boss, Frank Costello, couldn't be happier; he now has some ears in a place that has been trying to crush his criminal empire right from the start. The Boston State Police and the Irish crime syndicate now have something in common, moles.

Based on the 2002 Hong Kong smash hit "Infernal Affairs,"

"The Departed" breathes new air into American remakes which have always been let-downs. The choice of Boston as the new setting culturally sets this movie apart from the original and sheds new light on contemporary American police and criminal matters. This movie makes the case for the reason to adapt foreign movies and make them Americanized.

With two main characters, one could be slightly overwhelmed by the amount of things occurring between two opposite stories. This usually throws similar movies out of whack, but somehow with the story-telling and character development, the story starts adjusting and becomes less like a Rubik's cube.

The state police want the crime boss, Costello, behind

bars; Costello wants to rule the city. Something this simple needs a very complicated strategy from both sides to accomplish. These two separate but similar strategies of infiltration with Costigan, the gang mole, and Sullivan, the police mole, sends them to the breaking point.

Costigan slowly goes into an emotional, uncontrollable hell while Sullivan continues to get promoted and reaches all the kudos in the world. Leonardo DiCaprio, as Costigan, actually convinces the viewer of his mental change all the way through the movie. At first he's having fun smashing people in the face just to get a reputation, but after witnessing murder after murder, he slowly starts cracking.

The tables also change on Sullivan when his police department starts realizing that there

are rats running about and is handed the assignment to find these leaks. It seemed like all fun and games to Sullivan while working as a police officer who was an undercover criminal, and Matt Damon makes it easy to forget that this is actually Matt Damon as a bad guy.

The main man who really steals the entire show is Jack Nicholson himself, who portrays an off-balance crime boss whose main thought of life is "I don't wanna be a product of my environment, I want my environment to be a product of me." He is relentless and a true type of crazy not often seen in many movies coming out; there is no compassion in him, absolutely none.

Bringing all of this criminal chaos together and making it flow fluidly for two and a half

hours is the master himself, Martin Scorsese. Not being new to bringing the criminal world to the big screen, Scorsese brings the best from his actors and the camera angles to the screen. The grittiness of Boston is in perfect form and displayed cleverly throughout the movie. But sadly, most of the scenes were filmed in New York because of a tax break. Yes, Scorsese is that good.

The story changes towards the end to make the "The Departed" a little less powerful than the original "Infernal Affairs." This missing power is replaced by the strong command of acting and the portrayal of characters from all types of backgrounds.

Realistically entertaining, "The Departed" is an affair not to miss.

Chocolate legacy continues in a new, closer location



Chelsea Rickert

Entertainment Editor

Legacy Chocolates has changed scenes. The famous eatery is now located at 643 S Broadway, which is closer to campus than its original location.

Michael Roberts, owner of Legacy Chocolates, moved the store so that it could be more accessible to the University of Wisconsin-Stout students.

"The students treat [Roberts]

well, they are very generous," said Kendralind Kiley, Legacy Chocolates' manager. Kiley said that the new location receives better traffic for business, and there is better parking available than at the previous location.

Roberts has tweaked the menu according to the success of Legacy Chocolates' second location in St. Paul, Minn. which primarily offers chocolate treats, whole coffee beans and chocolate sauce.

There will no longer be dessert bars or coffee drinks. Soon new goodies will be available for purchase such as a chocolate tartlet with cream cheese filling and a plain tartlet with ganash filling. Ganash filling is the cen-



Sam Neuman/Stoutonia

Menomonie's Legacy Chocolates has moved locations to be closer to campus. In the old location is the new eatery, the Raw Deal, which offers the coffee and tea that Legacy once served as well as other goodies.

ter of the truffle, a cream, butter, sugar and chocolate concoction.

The layout of the chocolate shop is also a little different. There is less lounging available; however, wireless internet access is still offered.

While the business has branched out to St. Paul, Minn. Roberts remains in the local Menomonie area.

"He is actually a farmer," said Kylie. "The joke is that [Legacy

Chocolates] is his day job."

Roberts sold the original coffee shop location to Dan and Julie Federly of Boyceville, Wis. who have turned the old location into an eatery called the Raw Deal.

The Raw Deal offers a unique menu of desserts and entrees, most of which are served "raw." There will also be baked goods for sale, including scones. The Federlys offer

organic juices and smoothies as well as the same coffee and tea that Legacy Chocolates offered previously at that location.

Some of the entrees include lasagna, fettuccini, humus and guacamole. The Raw Deal's demographic focus is for people with healthy eating habits who are interested in high quality raw foods.

"We give them a healthy alternative," said Dan Federly.

The food that the Raw Deal offers is unique in that it focuses on healthy eating.

"Most of the ingredients we use are organic and local as much as possible," said Julie Federly. For instance, Julie Federly grinds her own fresh flour which she uses in the baked goods.

The Raw Deal's hours are Monday through Saturday, 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Hours for Legacy Chocolates are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Walk in Scarface's footsteps and make the world yours

By Chris Moeller
Entertainment Writer

Oct. 8 marked the return of legendary Cuban crime lord Tony Montana, better known as Scarface. Montana makes his return not in film but in game, with the release of "Scarface: The World is Yours."

The game takes players on an adventure into a world of greed and violence. The players experience first hand the explosive personality of Tony Montana as he wages war on his enemies. Montana is one of the most ruthless gangsters ever depicted on film. The game is supposed to serve as a sequel to the classic movie where players get to live the life of Montana.

But wait a minute. Tony Montana died at the end of "Scarface." Anyone who has watched the movie remembers that scene. Montana yells, "Say hello to my little friend" as he takes on an army of thugs. That's right. They actually rewrite the end of the movie to make the story of the video game work.

For most "Scarface" fans, that is a hard thing to get over, but once they put that sad fact behind them, the game turns out to be quite an adventure. It

starts out with everybody thinking Montana is dead, but he's not. With nothing left, the player must live Montana's life and regain his turf, while rebuilding his empire.

First things first, the gamer must get money. That will lead to power. Once power is achieved, Montana can get revenge on those that tried to kill him.

This video game shows what Tony Montana was all about. His personality comes across very strong by insulting, intimidating and impressing in a way that only Montana can. Players can beat down and blow up enemies with Tony's style and flair. The game basically allows players to live the life of a crime boss.

There are some features to "Scarface: The World is Yours" that are unique. There is one feature called rage mode.

In rage mode, players get to experience Tony Montana's ruthlessness at its finest as the character goes off on his enemies. When health is low, the player can hold down a button which changes the view to a third person and gives the player unlimited ammo and invulnerability.

There is another feature



Source: www.gamershell.com

The legendary mobster from the big screen makes his video game debut in this action-packed first person shooter. The video game portrays Tony Montana's personality using features such as "rage mode."

called the negotiation meter. While Montana is negotiating with suppliers, dealers and bankers, there is a meter that determines what kind of deal he'll get. The meter works like kicking meters in sports games.

Wait until it's in a desired location and try to stop it.

"Scarface: The World is Yours" can be compared to games like "Grand Theft Auto" and "The Godfather." The only difference is the story and a few

new features. But for those that love "Scarface," or gangsters in general, this is the ideal game. It takes players on a wild adventure and lets them live a life of a gangster.

"Troubled" boyhoods

Darkly comedic portrayal of growing up

By Jenna Wojan
Entertainment Writer

Puberty. The cruelest years of adolescence are filled with embarrassment, hair growth, strange odors and unexplainable erections. Future. Best-laid plans become shifted by the outcome of unplanned events. Midlife. Working one's way up to the top, only to be pushed back down again by The Man.

All of these stories sound familiar—American boys desperate to grow up, and American men trying to figure out where their lives are going.

Patrick Somerville's collection of stories, "Trouble" (2006), explores the adventures of life through the wonderfully hapless but heartfelt male characters.

"Trouble" is a collection of fictional stories about boys and men in various states of growth or revolution.

In one story, Brandon, a pre-pubescent boy, awaits the "changes of puberty" and naively takes purple pills to speed up the process and aid in the production of his hormones. Brandon believes he "can't get on in with his life now because without puberty, he has no life."

The outstanding personable and intelligent character sketches bring "Trouble" to a much deeper and humanistic level than any other current coming-of-age stories.

The book is a dark, comic portrayal of men afraid of their

destructive power. Largely honest in the imagery of the American way of life, the assortment of stories personifies the idealistic, imaginary and heroic aspects of contemporary men.

Somerville, a Wisconsin native, didn't really entertain the idea of being a writer throughout college because he "knew what a ridiculous career choice it was."

Now he draws inspiration from the Midwestern landscape, people and culture around him.

"I was walking down the street and I came upon a scruffy man with two huge macaws, and I thought, 'This is Georgia without the wheelchair' (from the story in the collection titled, "Trouble and the Shadowy Deathblow"). I stopped him and we chatted, and I told him that I'd already written a short story about him, and he would have to get a new identity. He didn't understand what I was saying."

Somerville is very sensitive to his audience.

He tries to convey his message in a humorous and understanding way.

"Everywhere I go," Somerville said, "The same thing happens; people are doubled over laughing one second, weeping the next, leading to emotional upheaval and valuable cathartic experiences all around."

"Trouble" brings light to the inner conflicts American men have to face on a daily basis as pushed upon them by society, morals and self-preservation.



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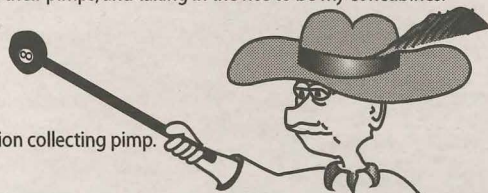
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by Drew Retherford



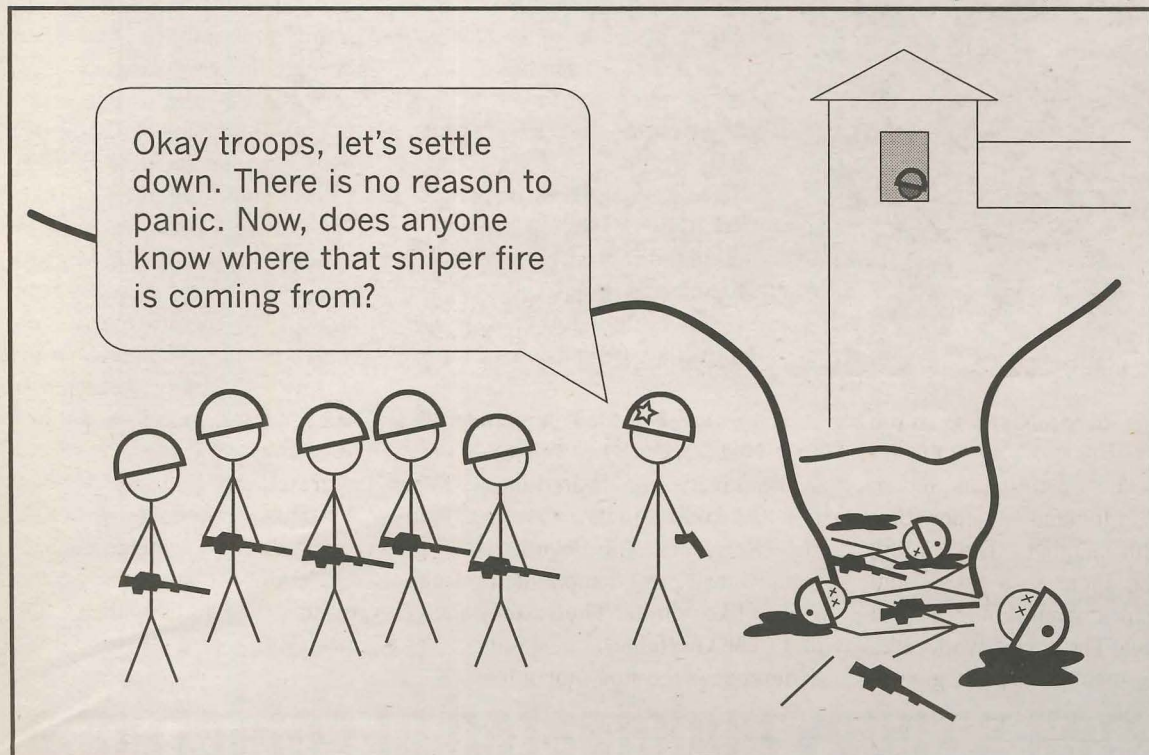
I can't wait until I'm really old. I'm going to be one of the nice, quiet looking old men who smiles with his eyes squinting shut. I'll open doors for my wife, pull out her chair at dinner, and kiss her softly on the cheek every night. We'll live a humble life full of the joys of grandchildren, and Sunday brunches. Then, when she dies, all that will change. First things first, I burn every single sweater, sweater-vest, scarf, and stupid hat that woman ever knitted for me, then I'll be pinching waitresses butts, staring down nurses dresses, staring up nurses dresses, swearing loudly in public, spending money on crank, smack, prostitutes, brass knuckles and guns. Then I'll start killing their pimps, and taking in the hos to be my concubines. That'll be sweet. I can't wait until I'm really old....

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Women's rugby to host Wis. state finals



Source: UW-Stout rugby club

With a record of 3-3 women's rugby enters the Wisconsin state finals this weekend against UW-Eau Claire. The season ends in November and restarts when classes resume.

By Joshua E. Fox
Sports Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's rugby club is close to its end but still going strong.

Their record is 3-3, and they have a match this weekend against the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire for the Wisconsin state finals. The women's team is made up of 25 players; six of whom are seniors.

In their offseason, which is November through January, they participate in a winter tournament, which takes place on a frozen lake. They start practicing again right away in January after classes resume.

"It's impossible to describe rugby to a person who's never played before. It's unlike anything else and it's incredibly addictive. Once you catch the 'rugby bug,' there's no quitting. The best way to learn about it, other than playing, is to come watch a game," said the president of the UW-Stout women's rugby team, Megan Keenen.

Rugby is a full-contact sport where the main objective is to score points by touching the ball down (where American football got "touchdown") in the try zone (end zone), which is called a try. Five points are rewarded for a try, two points for a score after, three points for a penalty kick, and three points for a drop kick where the ball must hit the ground first and then be kicked through the goal posts. Rugby uses passing skills similar to basketball, kicking skills similar to soccer, and tackling/running skills similar to football.

The best comparison is to that of a constant-option football play. The rules are different than football: no forward passes, no blocking and players must wrap on tackles. Rugby is dynamic and fluid and the game doesn't stop. Think of it more as soccer with tackling.

The UW-Stout women's rugby club has a match on Saturday, Oct. 21 at 6 p.m. on the multipurpose field against UW-Eau Claire.

Men's rugby undefeated in conference

By Joshua E. Fox
Sports Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout men's rugby club is well under way with a great fall season.

They are currently undefeated in conference and 3-2 overall. They have already won the state title and earned a place in the Division II top sixteen.

As a team, they have done very well, but there are some outstanding players on the team as well. Aaron Fry was named to the 2006 Collegiate All-American 2nd Team and Justin Lattu, Braden Sowle and Aaron Fry were selected to the 2006 Midwest Collegiate Side.

In their offseason, the team plays in one or two tournaments. They also work on conditioning and training.

The men's team is made up of 30 players, ten of whom are seniors, and the team is always looking to grow.

The next UW-Stout men's rugby match is on Friday, Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m. on the multipurpose field against The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

If you are interested in playing you can get more information by contacting Kyle Malaney at malaneyk@uwstout.edu, (920) 378-5520 or at <http://rugby.uwstout.edu>.

Time flies like an arrow, but fruit flies like a banana.

—Groucho Marx



Source: UW-Stout rugby club

The men's rugby club is undefeated in their conference and have a place in the division II top sixteen.

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Tennis prepares for long awaited victory in WIAC championships

By Josh Parshley
Sports Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout tennis team made a huge dent in their conference and finished the season with a promising record for WIAC championship victory.

"I just really focused on my game style and thought a lot about placement," said freshman Katie Carr, an interior design major. She finished the season by taking two matches in a row 6-0.

The Blue Devils ended the season with a record of 10-4, and are currently ranked fourth overall in their conference. This was actually the team's goal; however, coach Mark Noll and the team think they can still do better.

"I am extremely happy with the team this year," said Noll. "We have a great group of players. The team was improved coming into this season, but we did not know how the team would mold together."

The team's work ethic was a big part of this year's performance. There were no outside problems brought into the practices, which let the team focus more on the game.

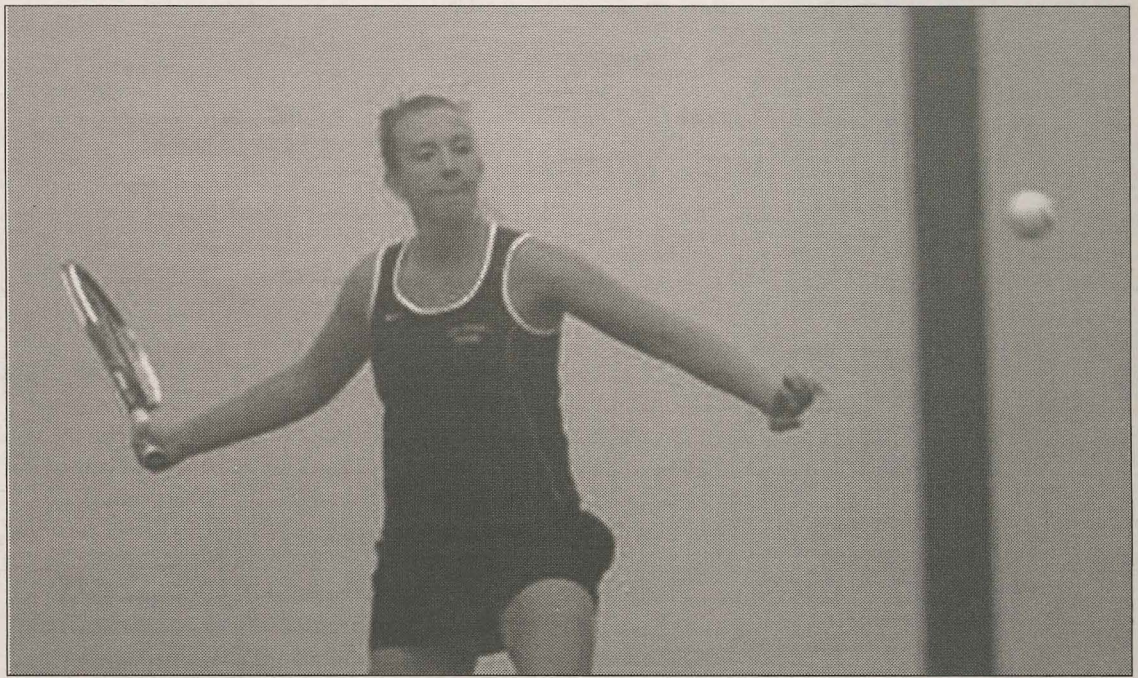
This increased focus has led them to two great accomplishments. Besides finishing the season ranked fourth, the team had two players named as the doubles team honors of the week.

"UW-Stout rarely has any of their players named athlete of the week. I was honored to be named WIAC doubles team of the week," said sophomore Jodie Czech, a hotel, restaurant and tourism management major.

Czech and her teammate, senior Jenna Bettmann, received the award last week. She said how the two were not partners last year but ended up bonding really well this year as they played. Czech also said that their stellar performance was due to their great communication and ability to adapt to each other's playing style.

The tennis team made it this far because of their mind set. Noll said that the team focused only on the match that they were playing; they did not get ahead of themselves and concentrated hard on the game at hand.

With two weeks off before the WIAC championship, the team has had a lot of time to practice. The girls have been do-



Source: www.uwstout.edu/athletics

The tennis team ended their season 10-4 and is looking to achieve at least third place in by the end of the tournament. In the 26 years of WIAC tennis, UW-Stout has never captured a third place finish.

ing some inter-squad scrimmages. The team also practiced with several male players last week, but with the tournament coming up this weekend, they are back to their competitive spirit.

"This weekend, everyone will be putting out their best efforts," said Carr. "We have a good chance to come out in the

top spots at the tournament; we just have to stay aggressive."

The team had their sights set on fourth this season; however, with their great performance, they believe they can do better.

Since the WIAC tournament counts as two-thirds of a team's record, the tennis team has raised its goal. The Blue

Devils are now looking to grab third place.

The WIAC tournament is Oct. 21-22 in Madison, Wis.

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ATHLETE Week

THE FACTS: Soccer: A sophomore studying interior design from Delano, Minn., Jessica Halverson is the UW-Stout athlete of the week.

Halverson dominated the net helping capture the team's last two consecutive wins. She blocked four goals from the Milwaukee School of Engineering on Oct. 10 and eight against St. Catherine on Oct. 14. Halverson is 4-4-0 on the season with three shutouts.



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Soccer adapts to refined program



Casey Nold
Sports Editor

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's soccer team has come to the final two games in their conference with two wins behind them.

With an entirely new coaching staff, head coach Meagan Frank thinks that the team has adapted well to the type of soccer system she has been trying to implement all year.

"There has been a clear adaptation made by all the players to my style of coaching and to the systems of soccer that I have introduced," said Frank. "We have come a very long way as a group and individual strides are still being made daily. It is exciting to be a part of it."

The team has bounced back and forth between winning and losing. Although they are 4-8 overall, the main focus is not on past games or scores. Frank is keeping the team focused on season-long goals and current issues.

"At this point in the season we are trying to stay healthy and nurse back to health some of the injuries we've sustained," said Frank. "We continue to work on the team cohesion and build upon the things that have been working for us."

With the many close games and victories the soccer team has been able to pull out at the end of their season, the determining factor in whether or not they will join the WIAC tournament will be the last two games of the season.

If UW-Stout doesn't win both games it is likely they will not participate in the WIAC tournament this year; however, the team's chance to get into the tournament may be determined by how their competitors rank.

"It is really up in the air right now whether we will be part of the WIAC tournament or not," said Frank. "We have control of our destiny at this point, and in all likelihood, if we win the last two conference games, we will get in. I do think that if we were to get into the WIAC tournament, we would be a surprise underdog."

"Each and every team in the WIAC is a good team and they are all really talented and competitive," said senior Katelynn Rindahl, a human development and family studies major.

Time will tell whether they will be a part of the WIAC tournament. While this brings the season to a close, coach Frank has big plans for next year.

"I have already started hitting the recruiting trail, and I'll continue doing that once the season comes to a close," said Frank. "There are many things I would like to see the team accomplish in the offseason, and I'll be working to prepare them and incoming players for next year."

With the help of the returning players for next year's team, the girls feel the program will take off in the direction Frank started it in this season.



Source: www.uwstout.edu/athletics

Coach Meagan Frank is already recruiting for next year's team, which she feels will be the team to take this program to the next level.

"Most definitely having returning players leads to a strong future," said junior Michelle Lizotte, a vocational rehabilitation major. "Our upperclassmen teach and help our younger players with things on the field but also with things off the field."

"There is tremendous potential with this program," said Frank. "Stout has some wonder-

ful things to offer prospective students and student/athletes, and I expect next year to be a very positive year for this program."

"Things can only increase in a positive way from this season," said senior Allison Smith, a business administration major. "Freshmen and future players should be so grateful for such a good coach."

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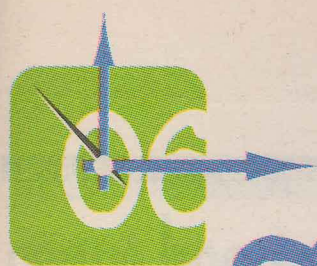
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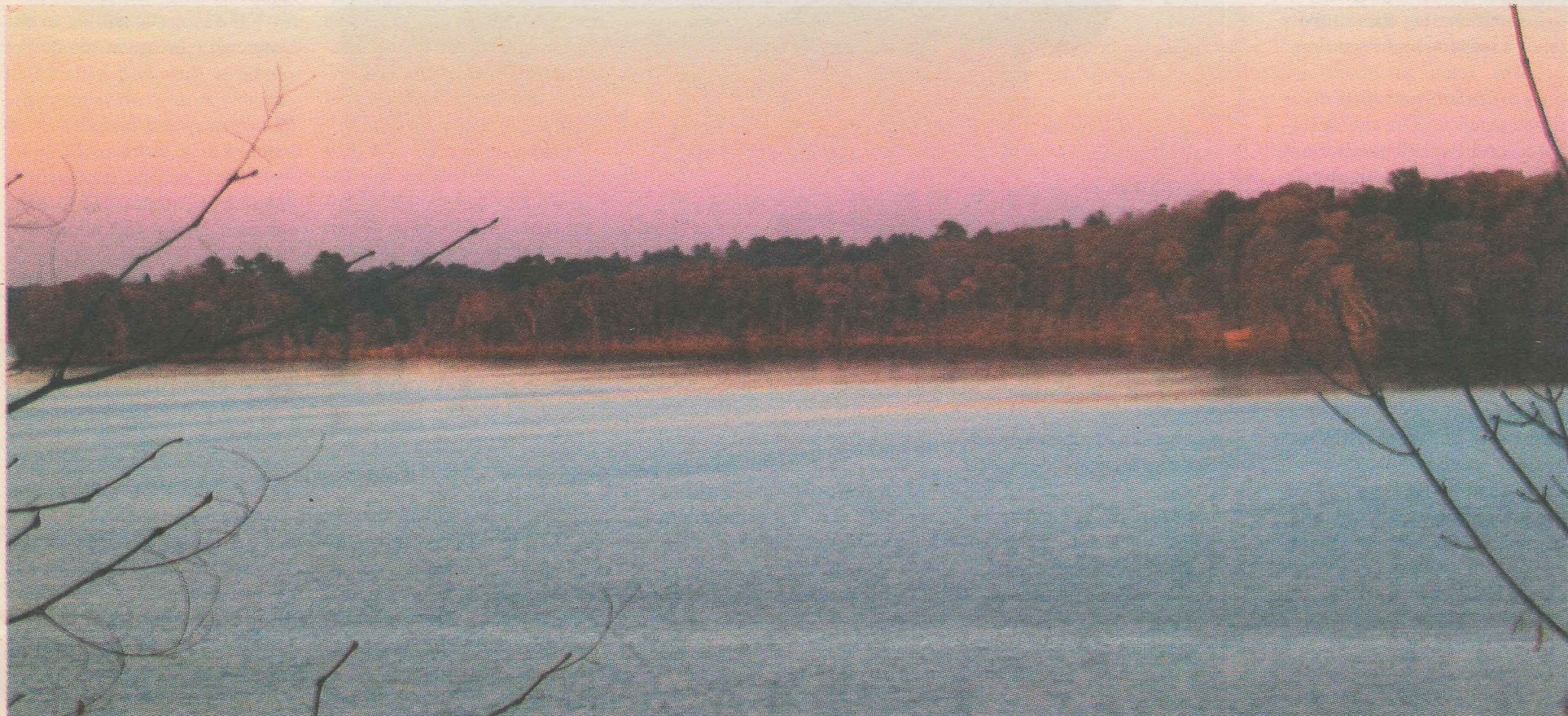
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Just one last glimpse (before it freezes)



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Soon the waters of Lake Menomonie will be frozen with the oncoming of another frigid Wisconsin winter. For now, a warm October has given the people of Menomonie a final breathtaking view of the lake at dusk. For the moment, we can forget that the lake is polluted and smelly most of the year.

Students for a Fair Wisconsin defend marriage

By Cassie Davis
News Writer

The campus organization Out at Stout, in an effort to inform students about The Defense of Marriage Act and State Amendment before the Nov. 7 elections, are working with the state-wide group Students for a Fair Wisconsin.

Students for a Fair Wisconsin is an organization that was recently put together specifically to inform people about the pending act, which would make gay marriage and civil unions illegal.

If Students for a Fair Wisconsin succeeds this November, Wisconsin will be the first state to defeat a civil unions and marriage ban.

Out at Stout and Students for a Fair Wisconsin have had a table outside of the bookstore in the Memorial Student Center since Oct. 24 and it will remain open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today.

Members of these orga-

nizations will be giving out information and answering questions about the Marriage Act and State Amendment.

"If we could find volunteers, we would be canvassing," said Jon Cunningham, a senior in marketing and business education and a member of Out at Stout that is helping coordinate events on campus and around town for students promoting Students for a Fair Wisconsin.

One of the goals of the group is to find volunteers to do canvassing around Menomonie from Oct. 26 to Oct. 28, as well as to have a literature drop before the elections.

Aside from campaigning about the Defense of Marriage Act, the Students for a Fair Wisconsin are also working on the Get Out The Vote program.

"The last week of the campaign, we will not focus on the issue," said Cunningham.

Instead, the goal for the last week is simply to get people out to vote, regardless of their stance on the issue.

Students for a Fair Wisconsin will be doing phone canvassing to remind people to vote and will also be doing sidewalk chalking as a reminder to students and faculty on campus.

Cunningham said there are several places in town for people to go to vote on Nov. 7.

Voting will take place at the Dunn County Government Center from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For most students and staff, the Glass Lounge in Merle Price Commons will be open for voting on election day.

For more on the efforts of Students for a Fair Wisconsin, or to get involved with canvassing, visit www.fairwisconsin.org, www.fairwisconsin.org/students/uw-stout or email students@fairwisconsin.com.

Learning nanotechnology at the controls of Lego robots

By Jenny Stabenow
News Writer

Nanotechnology is currently being studied by students in preparation for an upcoming challenge.

For the second time, the University of Wisconsin-Stout will be hosting a For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST)

Lego League tournament for children ages nine to 14.

The tournament will be held Nov. 4 in the Great Hall of the Memorial Student Center.

The leader of this event, Danny Bee, is looking for volunteers and can be contacted through e-mail at beed@uwstout.edu or by phone at (715) 232-5247.

FIRST is a worldwide or-

ganization that hopes to encourage children to become scientists or technologists.

To further this goal, FIRST has created a competition challenging teams to work together to present information.

The teams on average consist of eight people and come from all over the state of Wisconsin.

UW-Stout altogether has

16 teams enrolled for this year's competition.

The teams have been able to practice for the last six to eight weeks.

Each team is given a kit to construct the "obstacle" course their robot will have to conquer. The course covers a large table and consists of many task stations.

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The teams program their robots to accurately complete miniscule tasks such as dropping a ball the size of a grape into a narrow bin.

The nanotechnology part of this competition comes into play when students realize that they are operating at one billion times the scale of nanotechnology. This allows them to observe how nanotechnology plays a role in everyday life.

Programming these robots takes a lot of thought and time.

The team members are only allowed to touch their robot when it is in the designated corner, so once it's out of the corner it is completely on its own.

Each team has two and a half minutes to complete the entire course and is scored on the completion of each task.

Throughout the day there are three rounds for each team to get their best score.

Teams are not only scored on their tasks; they are also watched by three panels of judges.

Teams are interviewed on the design and programming of their robot. Then the teams present the information they



Jason Harsh/Stoutonia

Why The Stoutonia will never blaze trails in nanotechnology. Fortunately, participants of the Lego League tournament will be able to build something bigger and better than this Lego pilot.

have researched on nanotechnology and are judged on their teamwork.

In the past, the event has been exciting for spectators aside from being enlightening

for anyone interested in the diversity of nanotechnology.

Check out the competition on Nov. 4 in the Great Hall of the Memorial Student Center.

Trick-or-treat for a good cause

By Jenny Stabenow
News Writer

The Menomonie community better be prepared to give out canned goods this year for Halloween, instead of just candy.

The Vocational Rehabilitation Club will be going trick-or-treating for food items to donate to the Interfaith Food Pantry on Oct. 31.

"This event is a great way for the Vocational Rehabilitation Club to get recognized in the community and it is an awesome way to celebrate Halloween," said Jamie Denn, vocational rehabilitation secretary.

Anyone can trick-or-treat with them, but they must show up by 5 p.m. in front of the Vocational Rehabilitation building. Students in the program

will also be participating in the food drive.

This event is not only for a good cause, but there is a costume contest as well.

"Most Creative" and "Best Dressed" will be awarded prizes including a gift certificate to Jeff and Jim's Pizza as well as the State Theatre.

The costume contest will take place at 5:30 p.m. outside of the Vocational Rehabilitation building.

If anyone is willing to donate and representatives do not come to their home, they will be able to drop off items at the food pantry. It is located at 1620 Stout Rd. in Menomonie.

For more information, or to participate, contact Jamie Denn at dennj@uwstout.edu or (615) 399-0530.

NEWS for the college attention span

College student killed

An Ohio State University student was pinned by a dorm elevator and died. The elevator had descended with the doors open. The male student tried to escape but was unable.

River cruise illness

Ten passengers developed flu-like symptoms while aboard a riverboat cruise on the Ohio River. None of the illnesses were life-threatening, but investigation is still underway as to their cause.

Jack-O-Lantern record

The city of Boston attempted to create a world record by lighting the largest number of Halloween pumpkins in the same room. There were more than 29,000 pumpkins lit in a single area. All the pumpkins were donated to the city of Boston.

World Trade Center update

Investigators at the World Trade Center found more bones in a recent search. They were found in manholes that had been overlooked after the 2001 attack. The bones appeared to be the skulls, torsos, feet and hands of the victims of the terrorist attacks.

Green card marriages

Immigration authorities are investigating people who use green cards to get married as a way to become U.S. residents. Twenty-one percent of green card marriages are abused as marriage fraud. They have found some couples who were unacquainted before their marriage and married solely for the right to stay and work in the United States.

Mannequin fetish

A Detroit man, Ronald A. Dotson, 39, has been put in jail because he has repeatedly broken store windows and stolen female mannequins. A judge has sentenced him to psychiatric examination to determine if he is fit to stand trial for charges of breaking and entering. Dotson has been jailed before and was only free a week before he reenacted his mannequin fetish.

One just isn't enough

A report published by the World Wildlife Fund and the Global Footprint Network found that if the current trend of natural resource usage continues, we would need two Earths' worth of resources to support the population.

The director of the WWF commented that if everyone lived the way the United States does, we would need five Earths.

Prophet executed for murder

Ohio cult leader Jeffrey Lundgren, 56, was executed in the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility on Tuesday. He was convicted of the murder of five followers, all of the Avery family.

Lundgren allegedly took the victims to a barn where they were bound and shot to death.

An unfriendly visit to Paris

Visitors of Paris are contracting the "Paris Syndrome." This is a name coined for visitors of Paris who find cultural differences so alarming that they need psychiatric help after their visit. This is common to Japanese tourists.

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SSA to help students find homes

By Tracy Considine
News Editor

The rush for housing for the upcoming school year has begun. Fortunately, the Stout Student Association is doing their best to help students find the best housing for the best prices to fit their housing needs.

On Wednesday, Nov. 1, the SSA will be hosting the annual off-campus Housing Fair. The Housing Fair, which will be held in the Great Hall of the Memorial Student Center, will open at 4 p.m. and will close around 7 p.m.

"The SSA has been hosting the Housing Fair for at least the past four years," said Betsy Stefan, the SSA public relations director. "We have tried to contact as many landlords as we could for the Housing Fair."

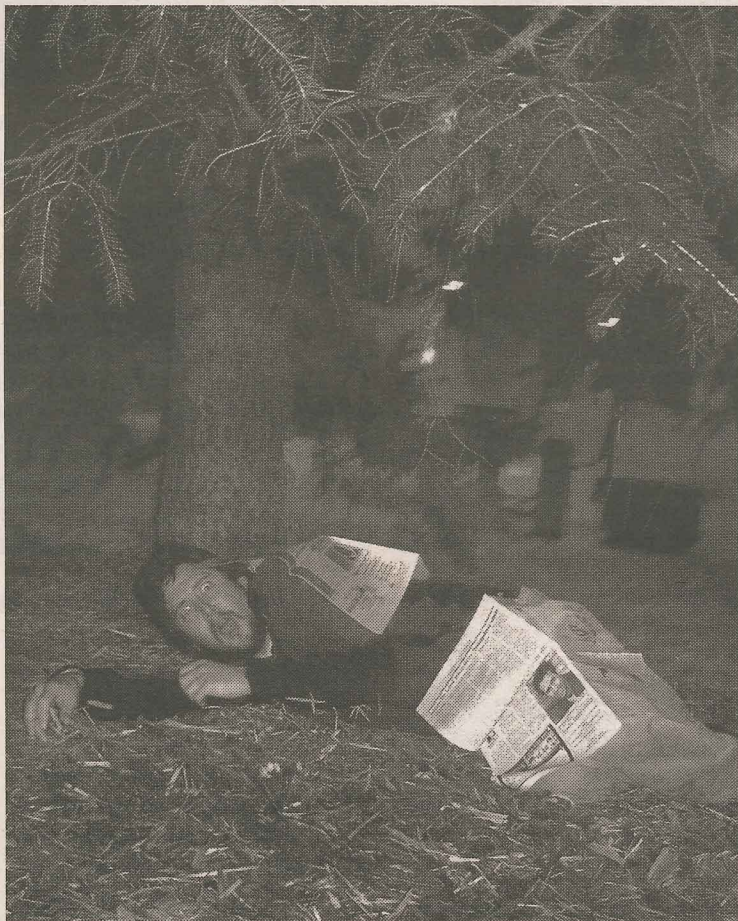
So far there are about 20 landlords and 70 different listings scheduled to be at the Housing Fair.

"If we get American Edge to participate we will automatically double the opportunities for housing," said Stefan.

Stefan explained that American Edge is a company that helps landlords avoid the struggles that come with renting to college students and holds approximately 200 property deals in Menomonie. Property owners give a percentage of rent money to American Edge and then the company takes care of things like damaged property and rent collection.

"American Edge, from what I know, is the largest land owner, so to speak, in Menomonie," said Stefan.

At the housing fair, property owners will be given tables to display any information



Jason Marsh/Stoutonia

Thanks to the SSA, students will have a better chance of finding affordable housing and not end up like this poor guy who didn't attend the Housing Fair.

they see fit, including prices and pictures of the property. It is up to the land owners to say how much they would like to advertise their property.

"One thing students should be aware of is to keep the evening clear because some property owners would like to do a house showing that same night, which is why we have the fair end relatively early," said Stefan.

The Housing Fair is a great idea for anyone who would like a new landlord or is planning on moving from the dorms into a house.

One thing that should be noted is that a student must

have junior status to move off campus into a house. In years past there has been mass confusion on requirements for moving off campus.

Freshmen have been known to sign leases for the following year and then be caught in the legal problems of moving off campus.

"The SSA is just trying to make the housing struggle a little easier for students and eliminate the hassle of driving to search for rental signs," said Stefan.

Contact Betsy Stefan with any questions regarding the fair at ssapublicrelations@uwstout.edu.



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State disorderly conduct: 1
Vandalism: 1
Misuse of parking services: 1
Fire safety/ tampering with fire detector: 2
I.D. violation: 1
Obstructing a police officer: 1

Hey, that's my bike!

Monday, Oct. 23, a bike was taken from a North Hall bike rack without permission.

Don't play with me, man

Sunday, Oct. 22, while parked in lot 22 a truck was broken into. A CD player, 30 CDs and an I-River MP3 player were stolen.

Who took my tunes?

Saturday, Oct. 21, a vehicle parked in lot 9 had its stereo stolen. All four doors were locked and the faceplate to the stereo was removed prior to the break in.

Look out belowooooow!

Saturday, Oct. 21, a manhole cover was found open in lot 14.

A kick in the backside

Friday, Oct. 20, while parked in lot 34, a vehicle's fender was kicked in.

Taking out the backdoor

Friday, Oct. 20, a vehicle parked in lot 4 had the back door damaged above its rear bumper.

Who gave you permission?

Thursday, Oct. 19, a parking permit was removed from a vehicle parked in lot 4.

Can't you leaf me alone?

Thursday, Oct. 19, trees located on the east side of the tennis courts were damaged.

Meet the back of my canoe

Thursday, Oct. 19, a canoe trailer at the Sports and Fitness Center damaged a green meter box.

Thanks for taking my trash

Thursday, Oct. 19, four garbage cans were stolen from the football stadium.

Lot 4, not a lot of luck

Tuesday, Oct. 17, the passenger side mirror was smashed off a vehicle parked in lot 4.

You kickin' my bike?

Tuesday, Oct. 17, a bike parked outside of Jarvis Hall had its rear tire, spokes and kickstand crushed.

Get your own permit!

Tuesday, Oct. 17, a parking permit was stolen from a vehicle.

Seriously, again?

Monday Oct. 16, a vehicle's passenger side mirror was busted off while parked in lot 4.

I was reading... the bottle!

Monday, Oct. 16, beer cans and bottles were found in the area surrounding the library.

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Student activists prepare for the upcoming election

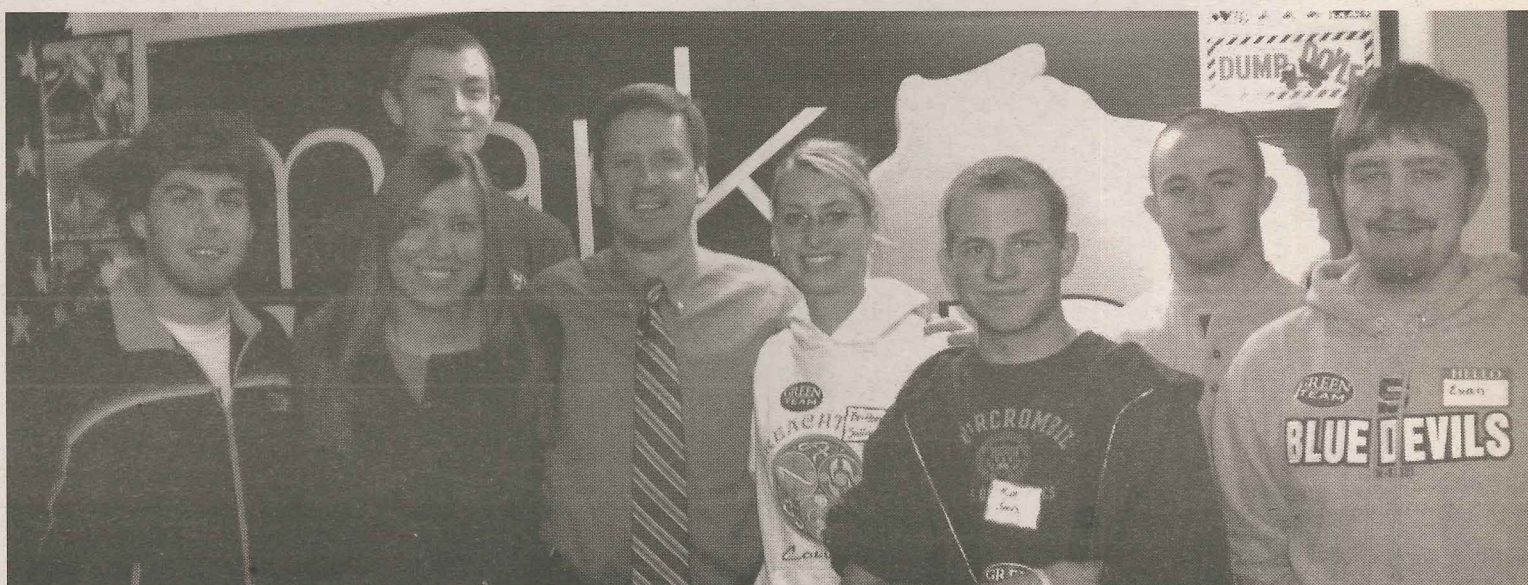
By Cassie Davis
News Writer

With election day approaching fast the College Republicans have been working hard to inform students about some of this year's most controversial issues.

Julie Brickner, a junior in apparel design and development and chair of the College Republicans, said that the club has been involved in several events related to the elections and will continue to do so right up until the elections on Nov. 7.

Recently, students may have noticed a bride serving wedding cake outside of the commons.

This may seem like an unusual place for a wedding. Of course, it wasn't actually a wedding, but the College Republicans campaigning for the Defense of the Marriage Act and State Amendment.



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Members of the College Republicans have been spending time with Wisconsin's republican candidates, specifically Congressman Mark Green, candidate for governor.

Brickner said that club members were serving cake and distributing flyers containing information about the act.

"We asked people to pledge to vote yes for tradi-

tional marriage, and about 50 students pledged on Tuesday night," said Brickner.

The College Republicans were extremely pleased with the outcome of their event

and hope to do another like it soon.

On Wednesday, Oct. 11, the College Republicans held a meeting where 29th Assembly candidate John Murtha and Congressional candidate Paul R. Nelson addressed the club.

Murtha, who won the three-way republican primary to advance to the general election, introduced himself to the College Republicans for the first time.

According to Brickner, Nelson updated students on his campaign, highlighting areas that he will be focusing on before the elections.

Nelson accompanied the College Republicans to dinner at Ted's Pizza, where he discussed the issues in greater detail.

Another major event that the College Republicans have held to get involved in the elections is a literature drop.

Brickner said that the event, which happened Saturday, Oct. 21, was a collaborative effort with College Republican groups from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

The literature drop was

in support of Republican candidates Mark Green and John Murtha. Following the literature drop the College Republicans went to the Colfax shooting range to socialize.

On Tuesday, Oct. 24, the College Republicans had another opportunity to meet Congressman Mark Green.

Brickner said Green stopped in Menomonie to meet with members of the community and students to talk about his hopes for Wisconsin. He also discussed the challenges and work yet to be done before the elections.

"The governor's race is the biggest race in the state and it is a huge deal to have the candidates in town," said Brickner.

Before elections, the College Republicans plan on doing a phone bank in support of Republican Party candidates.

The College Republicans often work together with the Dunn County Republicans on their events and campaign efforts.

For more information on republican candidates and campaign issues, or to get involved with the College Republicans, contact Julie Brickner at bricknerj@uwstout.edu.

LEGAL NOTICE

Wisconsin consumers and businesses may claim Microsoft settlement benefits.

Settlement to provide up to \$223,896,000 in benefits

A settlement has been reached in class action lawsuits against Microsoft on behalf of Wisconsin consumers and businesses that acquired Microsoft software from December 7, 1993 through April 30, 2003, for use in Wisconsin, and not for resale. Shortly after "final" court approval of the settlement, Microsoft will distribute up to \$223,896,000 in vouchers that eligible consumers and businesses can redeem to buy computers, peripheral computer hardware, or computer software made by any manufacturer. Eligible Microsoft software users may now request a claim form for the vouchers.

WHAT ARE THESE CASES ABOUT?

The Plaintiffs in the lawsuits claim that Microsoft violated Wisconsin's antitrust and unfair competition laws and thereby overcharged consumers for some of its software. Microsoft denies these claims and contends that it developed and sold high quality and innovative software at fair and reasonable prices. The Court did not decide in favor of the Plaintiffs or Microsoft. Instead, both sides agreed to a settlement.

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HOW DO YOU GET BENEFITS?

Simply call or go to the Web site to get a claim form. To get benefits you need to fill out and send in a claim form postmarked no later than June 30, 2007 or 30 days after the Court grants "final approval" to the settlement,

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WHAT ARE YOUR OTHER OPTIONS?

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NOTICE FROM THE MENOMONIE POLICE DEPARTMENT SNOW REMOVAL

Special parking restrictions are necessary to facilitate the removal of snow during the winter months. The odd-even calendar parking restriction applies to all streets in the City of Menomonie except where otherwise restricted, such as "No Parking Anytime".

Beginning November 1st and ending April 1st, between the hours of 2:00 AM and 7:00 AM, motorists must park on the odd numbered side of the street on odd numbered calendar days and on even numbered days on the even numbered side of the street. Parking on the even side on odd days or odd side on even days is prohibited.

The easiest way to remember this ordinance is to always park your vehicle for the next day. Remember also that the south side of the avenues and east side of streets are even numbered, and the north side of avenues and the west side of streets are odd numbered.

Close encounters of the two-wheeled kind



Staff Editorial
The Stoutonia Staff

A couple weeks ago, *The Stoutonia* staff discussed the topic of etiquette and respect in Harvey Hall. Areas of concern such as proper elevator usage and inappropriate fondling were brought to light, and there were even suggestions made to install firepoles in the building.

All kidding aside, the same topic of etiquette was brought to our attention again this week, except this

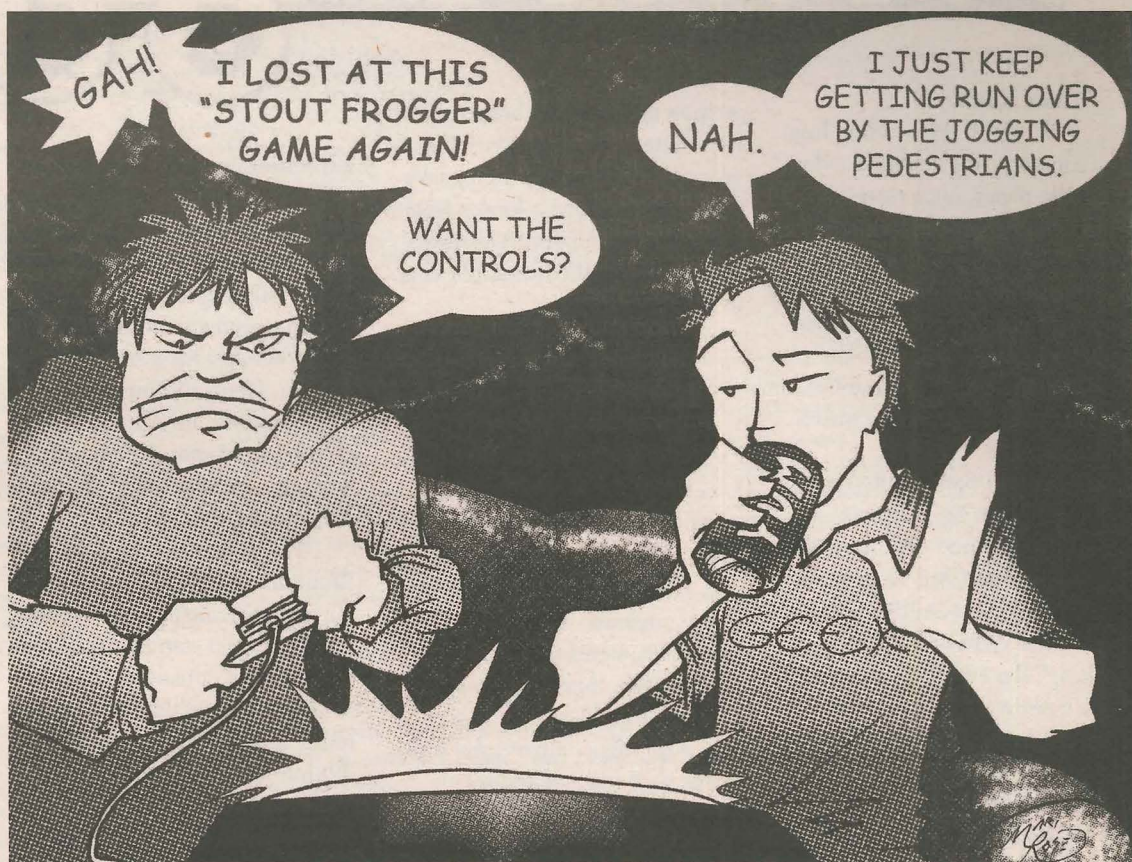
time on the sidewalks.

With the chaotic hustle and bustle of students on campus between classes, there are pretty much three ways to get to class: walk, bike or drive.

Sure we can hope people can take care of themselves on this hazardous and harsh journey across vast plains of gravel, but if you ask a few pedestrians who bravely traverse this perilous ground day after day, you are bound to find at least several who will vouch that they've had close encounters of the two-wheeled kind.

Bikers, that is. It's true many of them may be in a hurry to get to class on time, but some of them honestly zip past people with such gusto and force that they only manage to miss collision by mere inches.

So once again, *The Stoutonia* feels it is somewhat necessary to review the basic sidewalk manners. Notebooks ready?

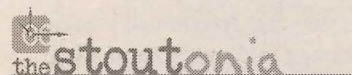


Keep in mind there are actually signs all around campus that designate certain sides of the road to either bikers or pedestrians, created to keep the walks more unified and orderly. Although

most people tend to disregard these signs altogether while orienting themselves so as not to collide with others, the signs are there for a reason.

Also, if you are biking,

remember to keep your eyes on the sidewalk at all times. Many accidents have already occurred when bikers look off the road, so let's try to keep the number of collisions to a minimum.



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Matt Schubbe is watching you



Matt Schubbe
Columnist

Halloween is coming up soon, and since this will be my last pre-Halloween article, I thought I'd sound off on something that has been bugging me about the holiday for years: uncreative costume ideas. When all of us were younger, we usually had a lot of grandiose ideas about what we wanted to be for Halloween (except for that one girl who went as a fairy princess EVERY year until she was about 20). We all had cool, inventive things to wear on this dentist dream of a holiday.

But what about now, during our college career? Are we as spirited and creative in our costuming as we were as youngsters? Most of the time, no. Most people just throw on a baseball cap and say they're going as Ron Howard or something. So how about this: when the weekend rolls around and you're scrambling for a costume to wear out partying, don't just give it a half-hearted effort. Think of the strangest idea possible, then grab some stuff around your house and throw it together. It may not look amazing, but hey, at least you're trying harder, right?

I'll be out and about on Halloween weekend, and look-

ing to see what everyone is dressed up as, so don't disappoint me. I know that really isn't much incentive to try, but bear with me here. I'll not only be looking at what people are wearing, but secretly and silently judging who has the most original costume of the night. After tabulating my findings in my expensive (and impressive) tabulatory contraption, I'll mention the winning costume in my post-Halloween wrap-up article.

So when I'm about town this weekend, I want to see Samurai Lincolns and Iron Chef Robots, and maybe even a Charlie Brown hole-in-sheets ghost or two. Just don't come up to me if you've got some plastic fangs and black hooded sweatshirt and think you're a vampire. Played out, my friend, played out. You could even dress as me if you wanted to, but I doubt most of you know what I look like anyway.

So go for it. Impress me, your friends and/or any trick-or-treaters traversing to your house. Always remember one very important thing: If you're making the costume where you use a clear garbage bag and balloons to be a bag of jelly beans, don't put the bag on your head. I know a couple of people who had to receive emergency bag-ectomies on Halloween. Not pretty.

**Author's Note: Dressing as Matt Schubbe for Halloween does not guarantee that you will win the contest or have more fun. But it couldn't hurt.*

Terrorizing the taste buds

Theresa Radtke
Columnist

I really wanted to write an article about Halloween but I am saving it for next week's issue. I got to thinking about what a possibility for this week's article could be, and I started reminiscing to myself about last week's production night. One topic in conversation was about last year's newspaper.

Apparently we had a whole page set up for recipes. At first I thought the idea was pretty cool because I think baking and cooking are very fun to do. Plus anything with food is just generally awesome. After close consideration though I came to the conclusion that nobody needed a full page of recipes.

What these college kids need are just a few simple, easy-to-make foods that are tasty and semi-nutritious. In high school, for snacks or meals, my friends and I would put together these crazy food concoctions. Not for the sake of making up weird combinations of food but for something to eat, and we just happened to stumble upon them as delicious!

So here goes the first of five: Doritos and cottage cheese. I have found that the cheesy-nacho flavor goes best with the curdled milk. It's really tasty!

Number two is hotdog pancakes. What you do is make the pancakes and cut up hot dogs beforehand. Place the cut up

hot dogs on top of the cooking pancakes. When they are done I like to pour ketchup and syrup all over it. For a little extra kick I will sometimes throw a glob of peanut butter on top.

Numbers three and four are of the sandwich variety. I would like to encourage everyone to try these. One is called peanut butter and pickles. The best type of pickle to have is sandwich style dill. The flavors really clash and make for a great party in your mouth, and it is truly delicious in every way. The second sandwich is called peanut and mayo. Basically you have peanut and mayonnaise in the sandwich. The taste is kind of striking at first, a little tangy, a little nutty, but always really awesome!

OK so the last food item I want to share involves another type of chip and dipping sauce. It's Funyons and chocolate syrup. This one is probably the most unhealthy and shouldn't be eaten regularly. Plus every time I eat it my stomach kind of hurts afterwards...but the taste before the stomach cramps begin is great. Pretty much anything dipped in chocolate is great, though.

Well there you have it, not a full page of complicated recipes, but some easy to make snacks. Remember, don't judge things by their appearances. Try some of these and you may find it could turn out to be your new favorite! Maybe you can even be more adventurous and mix and match these recipes!

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letters to the editor

Dear Editor,

First of all, the heading logo and imagery was changed; why!? Now the paper, once respected and adorned with a long-standing icon of Stout, looks like a preschool newsletter. Have you people ever heard the colloquial phrase "if it ain't [sic] broke, don't fix it"? Words to live by; what was wrong with the previous heading?!

Second, I feel insulted as a reader that you feel it necessary to fill empty space with mindless articles written from the perspectives of fictitious childhood bad guys; what were you people thinking? An editorial from Lord Zedd's point of view is hardly worthy of printing in a collegiate paper... Grow up people.

Third, who is editing this paper anyway?! I have caught a multitude of grammatical, spelling, and editing errors that should have been caught by a freshman in English 101. How did they get into the paper?! Who's writing these new point-less articles anyways?!

Fourth, why the sudden increase in beer advertising? Despite the obvious advertisements for bars and pubs, the Stoutonia has taken no modesty this year in promoting alcohol by featuring pictures of labeled beer bottles for articles which are completely unrelated. Speaking of un-related photos, in the last issue you had a picture of the StoutONE card in an article about the Blue Devils Sports club, which if I'm not mistaken, had NOTHING to do with the StoutONE card... Hello, can we say clip art selection gone awry?! Honestly people...

I really hate to be mean spirited about this message to you and your staff, but sometimes being blunt is the only way to get your point across. In conclusion, the once great Stoutonia has fallen into the ranks of cheaply

written tabloids and home-grown newsletters. For the sake of all educated readers out there, save your paper before it loses [sic] any more readership! Do something to bring the Stoutonia back to its former glory!

Matthew L. Swanson
Technical communications

Dear Editor,

Just wanted you to know that I thought that this week's issue of the Stoutonia was a good one, particularly the work of two of my students. Matt Ader's article "Students express views on same-sex marriage" avoided a wide range of pitfalls associated with this controversial topic. It was well written and nicely balanced. Mari Rose's cartoon in conjunction with the editorial on changing the Stoutonia's name was well drawn and funny, but also made an important point about mature decision making. I also liked Theresa Radtke's column "What's immoral is legislating love," which showed more maturity than do many of the pieces writing on the topic in other newspapers. Keep up the good work.

Mike Levy
Chair
Department of English

Dear Editor,

Thank you for covering the Ally Center's most recent "Let It Out! Dialogue" event about the topic of Same Sex Marriage. We appreciate the coverage, but want to notify you of a few corrections to the information presented in the article.

Mary McManus (University Centers' Asst. Director) actually introduced the program.

Dr. Susan Wolfram, professor in Human Development and Family Studies, described

her research work with several lesbian couples (not Bonnie Nutt, who is a graduate student. Bonnie presented the personal effects of the existing laws, how and the proposed amendment would affect her and her partner).

Dr. Denise Skinner provided specific information about the proposed amendment. She believes, and we agree, that she was misquoted.

The statement in the Stoutonia article describes the current Wisconsin marriage law, already in the statutes. Amending the state constitution is not necessary, in the opinion of many legal scholars, because the definition of marriage is already addressed in the Wisconsin statutes and the Wisconsin Supreme Court and Court have appeals have stated plainly that Wisconsin does not recognize same-sex marriage.

According to Dr. Skinner, "the proposed amendment would add another (unnecessary) layer of prohibition against same sex relationships AND would not recognize the legal status of relationships similar to marriage (i.e., civil unions, domestic partnership) for both heterosexual and homosexual couples. Voting NO does not mean that same-sex marriages/relationships will be recognized-it means that the current marriage statutes will continue to define marriage as between a husband and wife."

To be of further service to the University we encourage you to print the entire text of the proposed amendment in the Stoutonia.

We also want to recognize Emily Ballinger representing Campus Crusade for Christ's point of view, and Dr. Bob Salt for addressing other religious issues.

The 120+ students who attended the program evaluated it very highly. The format of dialogue (not debate) was used to help us all understand the different points of view held by those present. Everyone there had an opportunity to share information, perspective, and experience. Our goal is to provide a forum to explore the complexity of social issues. Thanks to the presenters and participants for helping us reach this goal, and thank you again for covering this event.

Katie Thompson, Mary McManus, Jasmine Patzner Mai Nhia Moua and Addison Vang
The Ally Center

Dear Editor,

During the 2004 election in the 29th Assembly District we saw how the Republican political machine was able to defeat Joe Plouff who was one of the most honorable politicians in Western Wisconsin. They used crooked issue ads and outside money to discredit Plouff while simultaneously selling us the notoriously incompetent Andy Lamb. Fortunately, Lamb has resigned but how do we know our Republican friends aren't selling us another ringer with John Murtha?

At practically all levels of government the Republican Party has become the party of corruption and special privilege; those who aren't personally involved often become apologists for those who are. There is a virtual flood of new books by conservative Republicans who are distraught over the way the neo-cons have stolen their party.

Maybe Murtha is a decent guy and it's too bad if he suffers guilt by association, but I could never vote for anyone who would strengthen the corrosive

hand of the GOP in Wisconsin. They have done far too much damage already.

The Democratic candidate, Kerry Kittel, offers us a marvelous opportunity to bring integrity and balance back to Madison. His allegiance is to the people not big business.

John See, Ph.D.
Menomonie

Dear Editor,

I know I can't be the only one when I say that the library is far from a quiet place to get some homework or reading done. Every floor seems to be swarmed with the clicking of keys, the rustling of papers, or the chatter of a group activity. Midterms, tests, quizzes, assignments, and readings are more than sufficient to give the determined student enough to do without making them search around campus for a quiet room in which complete it.

The fourth "quiet" floor of the library is no exception. If you don't have your own private study room with a gigantic window magnifying everyone that walks by, you are most likely stuck in an open environment of whispers, muffled laughter, and the occasional "quiet group work." Even the nice cubical arrangement acts as a megaphone to the little noises around you by magnifying every hum, tick, and click that comes near.

I can only imagine the frustration that will surface when finals week comes and students actually take study time seriously. I know I don't stand alone when I say - quiet study needs to be available somewhere on campus.

Bryan Weichelt

Frivolous? Yes. Immature? You bet. But still damned sexy



Sam Schuna
Opinions Editor

I am so sick of the way men in Menomonie keep hitting on me. I wish I could explain to them that if I was a camel, they would be water. I don't need them all the time, just once in a while—to get by. Is that so bad, really? Everybody has their temporary outlets. I'm not ashamed in the slightest.

With that being said, I'm

going to explain why the men should stop hitting on me.

First of all, call me a hippie if you will, but I have not shaved my legs in I don't know how long. It's not that I want to be a stone-age Neanderthal, but people don't realize how long these legs are. It would take at least two hours to shave them. I guess you could kind of call me a little bit lazy.

Since I've stopped shaving them, though, I've never felt more in touch with nature. Women: don't be jealous. You don't have to shave your legs either if you don't want to. Which is to say that there is nothing wrong with women who do not shave their legs. Seriously.

Another reason for men to stop hassling me is that I really don't take good care of myself. I mean, I try to do water polo or jazzercise once every couple weeks, and sure, you might think that biking five blocks a day could be considered extensive exercise. In fact, you might consider it a bit of a big deal.

But it's not like I can crush a can between my butt cheeks. I hear this is a very desired talent. Although I don't give free examples of my failed attempts to do this, you'll just have to take my word on it. Trust me, it's not pretty. It's kind of embarrassing, actually. On a side note, selling butt-crushed cans on eBay does not fetch very much cash. I kind

of know from experience.

Which brings me to another point, I am an extremely pasty individual. I mean like bad pasty. There are many others out there that pay a lot of money to tan themselves to look pretty for others, so why not take the time to show them our appreciation? Buy them a drink, they lost all of their money in the tanning booths, so it's the least you could do to show your kind intentions.

Speaking of losing money, why do men insist on grabbing butts? Although I can barely understand the obsession to grab a fatty area located in the chest region any better, I have trouble understanding the hand's attraction to grabbing, slapping, or be-

ing on contact with the buttock. I mean, I really don't mean to rain on anybody else's parade here, but c'mon people; that's where poop comes from! It's a little bit disgusting. A great rule to go by that more people should follow is, "If it's not your's, don't touch it." I think that is a good idea.

Lastly, I would like to say that no, I am not a woman, nor am I a homosexual. I also do not claim to actually know how women feel about men, and no, men do not actually hit on me. But if I was a woman or a homosexual, and if men did hit on me, I would probably feel something like this. With that said, go ahead and bring on the outraged letters to the editor.

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1 n/a	147 1/2 Main Street #4	\$175	\$175	n/a	n/a	Inc. utilities, bath off hallway, washer/dryer Avail. 8/1/07	SR	3 1	915 Main Street	\$800	\$267	\$1,000	\$333	good location in duplex, w parking, office/computer room	D
1 n/a	147 1/2 Main Street #8	\$180	\$180	n/a	n/a	Inc. utilities, bath off hallway, washer/dryer	SR	4 1	1606 10th Street	\$550	\$138	\$750	\$188	washer/dryer, new siding	H
1 n/a	147 1/2 Main Street #6	\$195	\$195	n/a	n/a	Inc. utilities, bath off hallway, washer/dryer	SR	4 1	1120 15th Avenue	\$600	\$150	\$750	\$188	washer/dryer excellent shape/lrg rooms	D
1 n/a	147 1/2 Main Street #7	\$195	\$195	n/a	n/a	Inc. utilities, bath off hallway, washer/dryer	SR	4 1	1508 10th Street	\$620	\$155	\$820	\$205	close to Lammers, nice layout	H
1 n/a	147 1/2 Main Street #5	\$230	\$230	n/a	n/a	Inc. utilities, bath off hallway, washer/dryer	SR	4 1	1115 14th Avenue	\$620	\$155	\$800	\$200	gas heat/garage/large rooms/ W/D hookup	H
1 1	400 1/2 Main Street #1	\$280	\$280	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc. storage, close to campus	6	4 1	321 13th Avenue West	\$660	\$165	\$880	\$220	Super location, washer/dryer	H
1 1	802 6th Avenue #1	\$290	\$290	n/a	n/a	Includes all utilities parking	6	4 1	921 Main Street #1	\$700	\$175	\$870	\$218	good location, economical	4
1 1	702 4th Street	\$290	\$290	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc. storage, close to campus	6	4 1	309 14th Avenue West	\$750	\$188	\$950	\$238	WD good location, gas heat	H
1 1	1220 6th Avenue #1	\$295	\$295	n/a	n/a	nice location, includes WSG & hot water	8	4 1	1215 10th Street	\$750	\$188	\$870	\$218	W/D gas heat/storage, parking, garage	H
1 1	613 13th Street #8	\$295	\$295	n/a	n/a	nice location, includes WSG & hot water	8	4 2	1319 8th Street	\$800	\$200	\$1,000	\$250	close to campus, large nice rooms	H
1 1	400 1/2 Main Street #2	\$300	\$300	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc. storage, close to campus	6	4 2	1509 South Broadway	\$800	\$200	n/a	n/a	lrg. House, nice location	H
1 1	115 1/2 West Main Street	\$320	\$320	\$395	\$395	Close to campus and downtown	3	4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #1	\$800	\$200	\$950	\$238	modern, high eff. Gas heat, W/D a/c,	8
1 1	611 13th Street #7	\$325	\$325	n/a	n/a	Nice location, includes WSG & hot water	8	4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #2	\$800	\$200	\$950	\$238	modern, high eff. Gas heat, W/D a/c	8
1 1	1203 1/2 14th Avenue East	\$325	\$325	n/a	n/a	upper duplex, nice size rooms	D	4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #3	\$800	\$200	\$950	\$238	modern, high eff. Gas heat, W/D a/c	8
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #2	\$325	\$325	n/a	n/a	great location, includes WSG & heat	A	4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #5	\$800	\$200	\$950	\$238	modern, high eff. Gas heat, W/D a/c	8
1 1	400 1/2 Main Street #3	\$330	\$330	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc. storage, close to campus	6	4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #6	\$800	\$200	\$950	\$238	modern, high eff. Gas heat, W/D a/c	8
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #5	\$335	\$335	n/a	n/a	Great location, utilities Included Parking	8	4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #7	\$800	\$200	\$950	\$238	modern, high eff. Gas heat, W/D a/c	8
1 1	400 1/2 Main Street #4	\$340	\$340	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc. storage, close to campus	6	4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #8	\$800	\$200	\$950	\$238	modern, high eff. Gas heat, W/D a/c	8
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #2	\$350	\$350	n/a	n/a	Great location, utilities included Parking	8	4 1	1216 6th Street	\$820	\$205	\$1,000	\$250	gas heat across from campus	H
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #5	\$355	\$355	n/a	n/a	great location, includes WSG & heat, parking	A	4 1	1600 10th Street	\$850	\$213	\$1,050	\$263	great house W/D hook-ups	H
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #6	\$360	\$360	n/a	n/a	Great location, util. Incl. Parking	8	4 2	1620 6th Street	\$850	\$213	\$1,050	\$263	great house, washer/dryer, gas heat	H
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #8	\$360	\$360	n/a	n/a	Great location, util. Incl. Parking	8	4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #4	\$880	\$220	\$950	\$238	modern, high eff. Gas heat, W/D a/c	8
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #9	\$365	\$365	n/a	n/a	great location, includes WSG & heat, parking	A	4 2	1515 6th Street	\$900	\$225	\$1,195	\$299	spacious, close to campus, washer/dryer	D
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #4	\$365	\$365	n/a	n/a	great location, includes WSG & heat,parking	A	4 1	121 1/2 12th Avenue West	\$900	\$225	\$1,125	\$281	large apartment, super location washer/dryer	D
1 1	1218 1/2 9th Street	\$375	\$375	n/a	n/a	gas heat, upper duplex, great location	D	4 1.5	121 12th Avenue West	\$900	\$225	\$1,125	\$281	super location washer/dryer	D
1 1	1221 7th Street	\$390	\$390	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat, WSG, hot water, very large & nice	4	4 2	1114 7th Street	\$950	\$238	\$1,150	\$288	great location, close to campus, garage	H
1 1	1520 7th Street	\$390	\$390	n/a	n/a	close to campus, parking, Washer/dryer	D	4 2	1702 6th Street	\$950	\$238	\$1,150	\$288	lots of space, great location, W/D	H
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #3	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	great location, includes WSG & heat	A	4 2	1415 8th Street East	\$1,000	\$250	\$1,250	\$313	recently upgraded, great location parking W/D	D
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #8	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	great location, includes WSG & heat, parking	A	4 1	1615 7th St	\$1,000	\$250	\$1,200	\$300	Great location and nice house, washer/dryer, garage	H
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #3	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	Great location, util. Incl. Parking	8	4 2	1317 8th Street	\$1,040	\$260	\$1,250	\$313	washer/dryer deck good location	H
1 1	421 1/2 13th Avenue West	\$395	\$395	\$500	\$500	super nice, great location, storage	D	4 2	332 1/2 Main Street	\$1,040	\$260	\$1,240	\$310	Huge, washer/dryer, deck, 4 br downtown & parking	A
1 1	421 Wilson Avenue #3	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat, WSG, hot water, parking	6	4 2	1021 8th Street	\$1,100	\$275	\$1,345	\$336	beautiful house w/decks close to campus washer/dryer	H
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #6	\$410	\$410	n/a	n/a	great location, includes WSG & heat	A	4 3	147 1/2 Main Street #A	\$1,100	\$275	n/a	n/a	Includes utilities, huge, great location, W/D,	A
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #1	\$415	\$415	n/a	n/a	Great location, includes WSG & heat, parking	A	5 1	1121 6th Avenue	\$600	\$120	\$860	\$172	washer/dryer gas heat, good sized rooms	H
1 1	333 1/2 Main Street #1	\$420	\$420	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat, WSG, downtown location	A	5 1.5	221 4th Street West	\$700	\$140	\$960	\$192	washer/dryer gas heat, north campus	H
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #1	\$475	\$475	n/a	n/a	Great location, util. Incl. Parking	8	5 2	512 19th Avenue West	\$750	\$150	\$1,000	\$200	large, parking, 2 family rooms	D
2 1	119 West Main Street #2	\$295	\$148	\$365	\$183	Close to campus and downtown	3	5 1	1320 6th Street	\$820	\$164	\$1,040	\$208	washer/dryer great location	H
2 1	1506 1/2 6th Street	\$330	\$165	\$430	\$215	enclosed front porch, great location	D	5 2	405 20th Avenue	\$850	\$170	\$1,030	\$206	great house washer/dryer garage, modern	H
2 1	1218 9th Street	\$350	\$175	n/a	n/a	gas heat, lower duplex, great location	D	5 2	1115 17th Avenue	\$875	\$175	\$1,085	\$217	very lrg. Rooms W/D hook-up, newly remodeled	H
2 1	921 Main Street #4	\$360	\$180	\$460	\$230	Good location, parking	4	5 2	1521 8th Street	\$900	\$180	\$1,145	\$229	washer/dryer great location	H
2 1	1203 14th Avenue East	\$375	\$188	n/a	n/a	lower duplex, gas heat	D	5 2	1403 6th Street	\$900	\$180	\$1,180	\$236	good location, lots of parking, huge rooms	H
2 1	115 West Main Street	\$380	\$190	\$500	\$250	Close to campus and downtown	3	5 2	2303 3rd Street	\$900	\$180	\$1,100	\$220	detached garage, large, washer/dryer	H
2 1	609 13th Street #6	\$395	\$198	n/a	n/a	nice location, includes WSG & hot water	8	5 2	814 10th Street	\$925	\$185	\$1,105	\$221	lots of rooms on 2 levels, upgrades washer/dryer	D
2 1	915 1/2 Main Street	\$395	\$198	\$495	\$248	good location in duplex, w parking	D	5 2	607 13th Avenue East	\$950	\$190	\$1,140	\$228	huge rooms, location, parking washer/dryer	H
2 1	208 1/2 13th Avenue West	\$400	\$200	n/a	n/a	gas heat, next to campus	D	5 2	2006 5th Street #A	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,200	\$240	washer/dryer very large, parking	3
2 1	620 15th Avenue	\$400	\$200	\$600	\$300	upper duplex, very nice close to campus	D	5 2	2006 5th Street #B	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,280	\$256	washer/dryer gas heat, new siding, remodeled	3
2 1	1415 4th Street West	\$410	\$205	\$510	\$255	gas heat, garage, modern, location	D	5 2	2006 5th Street #C	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,280	\$256	newer W/D, has everything	3
2 1	1506 6th Street	\$420	\$210	\$570	\$285	huge bedrooms, enclosed front porch	D	5 1.5	1107 2nd Street West	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,200	\$240	good layout/close to campus, washer/dryer	H
2 1	2121 5th Street #A	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Inc. WSG, washer dryer	4	5 1.5	1115 6th Street	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,180	\$236	washer dryer, updated, right on campus, very desirable	H
2 1	2121 5th Street #B	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Inc. WSG, washer dryer	4	5 2.5	1502 7th Street	\$1,050	\$210	\$1,275	\$255	washer/dryer, remodeled	H
2 1	2121 5th Street #C	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Inc. WSG, washer dryer	4	5 2.5	902 Main Street	\$1,125	\$225	\$1,350	\$270	great location, washer/dryer, large rooms, fenced yard	H
2 1	2121 5th Street #D	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Inc. WSG, washer/dryer	4	5 2	1803 7th Street	\$1,150	\$230	\$1,430	\$286	washer/dryer parking, good location, large	D
2 1	421 13th Avenue West	\$425	\$213	\$550	\$275	gas heat, hardwood floors, storage	D	5 2	203 13th Avenue West	\$1,150	\$230	\$1,370	\$274	washer dryer, great location, house	H
2 1	414 1/2 12th Avenue West	\$430	\$215	\$540	\$270	large, great location, parking	D	5 2	1208 9th Street	\$1,175	\$235	\$1,400	\$280	Remodeled! 2 car garge, great house close to campus	H
2 1	619 13th Avenue	\$450	\$225	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat WSG hot water, excellent location	4	5 2	321 14th Avenue West	\$1,250	\$250	\$1,500	\$300	close to campus, washer/dryer great house	H
2 1	1221 1/2 7th Street	\$460	\$230	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat, WSG, hot water, excellent location	4	5 2	121 13th Avenue West	\$1,300	\$260	\$1,560	\$312	large, super location. Washer/dryer	D
2 1	619 1/2 13th Avenue	\$480	\$240	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat WSG hot water, excellent location	4	5 2	1708 6th Street #B	\$1,325	\$265	\$1,555	\$311	washer/dryer, parking, large bedrooms	D
2 1	1502 10th Street	\$500	\$250	\$650	\$325	garage, washer/dryer hook-up, great house	H	6 2	1402 8th Street	\$700	\$117	\$900	\$150	washer/dryer gas heat good layout	H
2 1	620 1/2 9th Avenue	\$500	\$250	\$660	\$330	close to campus, large nice rooms	3	6 2	504 10th Street	\$900	\$150	\$1,180	\$197	W/D hook-ups, gas heat, large rms.	H
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2 1	802 6th Avenue #6	\$525	\$263	n/a	n/a	Includes all utilities parking	6	6 2	1415 1/2 8th Street	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,480	\$247	fabulous newer construction washer/dryer	D
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Thursday, Oct. 26

- University Priority Listening Session, open session 4. 8 a.m. Millennium Hall Room 201
- Managing E-mail Madness. 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Millennium Hall Room 205
- Last chance to purchase Colleges Against Cancer Think Pink T-shirt. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Outside Bookstore, MSC
- The Learner-Centered Classroom: Building Rapport and Community. 12 to 1:30 p.m. Millennium Hall Room 205
- Managing E-mail Madness. 3 to 4:20 p.m. Millennium Hall Room 201
- Red Cedar Medical Center invitation to: Family Birth Suites Open House. 4 to 7 p.m. Red Cedar Medical Center
- Stout Technology Trainings – Adobe Photoshop I. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Cedarwood Room, MSC

Friday, Oct. 27

- 10th Annual Body, Mind and Spirit Conference, Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Pre-conference 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Concourse Lounge, MSC
- Stout Technology Park invitation to: Tech-talk Business Briefing presented by: Chippewa Valley Angel Investors Network and ClearWater Systems. 9 to 10 a.m. Northwoods Room, MSC
- Study Abroad in Scotland Informational Presentation. 10 to 11 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Ballroom A, MSC

Saturday, Oct. 28

- 10th Annual Body, Mind and Spirit Conference, Registration 8:30 to 9:15 a.m., Programs and Workshops 9:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Concourse Lounge, MSC
- Movie: "Peaceful Warrior." \$10. 7:30 p.m. Great Hall, MSC

Sunday Oct. 29

- Time change: Set clocks back one hour. Effective 2 a.m.
- 10th Annual Body, Mind, and Spirit Conference, Registration 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., Programs and Workshops 9 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Concourse Lounge, MSC

Monday, Oct. 30

- EDGE Program. 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Millennium Hall Room 201
- Blood Drive. 2 to 7 p.m. Great Hall, MSC
- "Into the Book" presented by: Three 2D Design freshmen classes until Nov. 3. Opening Reception @ 5:30 to 7 p.m. Student Gallery, Applied Arts Room 209

Tuesday, Oct. 31 - Halloween

- Blood Drive. 1 to 7 p.m. Great Hall, MSC

Wednesday, Nov. 1

- Blood Drive. 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Great Hall, MSC
- QFP lunch "Falling in Love." 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Corner III, Home Economics Room 304

Thursday, Nov. 2

- "Transforming Dimensions: Representing Children's Art in Picture Books." 12 p.m. Harvey Hall Room 150

Entertainment

Thursday, Oct. 26

- GreenSense presents movie: "Power Shift." 6 to 6:30 p.m. State Cinema, downtown Menomonie
- UW-Stout College Democrats presents movie: "Iraq for Sale: The War Profiteers." 7 p.m. Ballrooms B and C, MSC
- BSU presents TIFU (This Is For Us) – a multicultural spoken word and dance ensemble from Whitewater, Wis. 7 p.m. Huff's, MSC
- Colleges Against Cancer presents Bowling for Boobs. 8 p.m. Rec Center, MSC
- Open Mic Night. 8 to 11:30 p.m. Rec Center, MSC

Friday, Oct. 27

- Mabel Tainter Theater presents: Vicky Emerson. 7 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theatre

Saturday, Oct. 28

- Mabel Tainter Theater presents: Eau Claire Chamber Orchestra. 7:30 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater

Tuesday, Oct. 31 - Halloween

- Trick-or-Treating. 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. North Campus Residence Halls

Wednesday, Nov. 1

- 2006 Housing Fair. 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Great Hall, MSC
- GreenSense presents movie: "Earth to America." 6 to 7:30 p.m. State Cinema, Downtown Menomonie

Thursday, Nov. 2

- GreenSense presents movie: "Earth to America." 6 to 7:30 p.m. State Cinema, Downtown Menomonie

Athletics

Friday, Oct. 27

- Volleyball @ Illinois Wesleyan Invite vs. Washington U. 5 p.m.
- Soccer vs. UW-Platteville. 7 p.m.
- Volleyball @ Illinois Wesleyan Invite vs. Carthage. 7 p.m.
- Hockey vs. Lawrence University. 7:30 p.m.

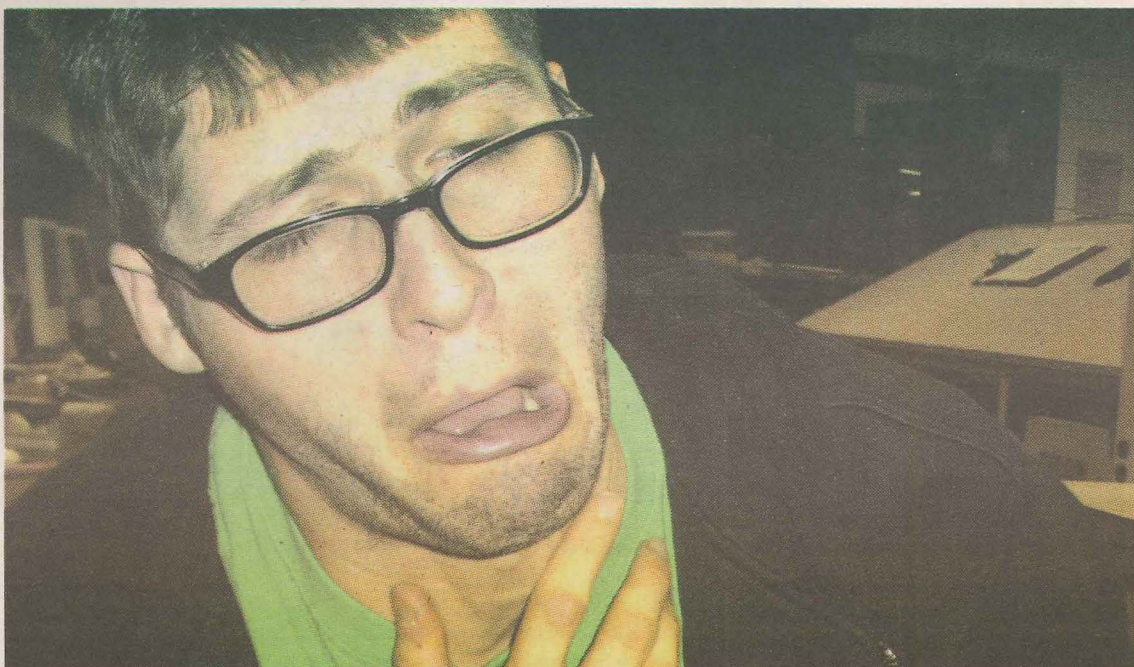
Saturday, Oct. 28

- Men and Women Cross Country WIAC Championships @ La Crosse. 11 a.m.
- Volleyball @ Illinois Wesleyan Invite vs. Monmouth. 12 p.m.
- Football vs. UW-La Crosse. 1 p.m.
- Volleyball @ Illinois Wesleyan Invite vs. Illinois Wesleyan. 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 31 - Halloween

- Soccer WIAC First Round. 12 p.m.
- Volleyball WIAC Quarterfinals. 7 p.m.

Influenza...you kill me!



Drew Retherford/Stoutonia

Influenza season is back. Shown above, a sick UW-Stout student is in apparent agony. State public health officials and UW-Stout experts say the simplest way to protect yourself is to get a flu shot.

By Matt Ader
Campus Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout has received an awareness message from the State Department of Administration's continuity manager regarding the readiness of Wisconsin to respond in the event of an influenza pandemic.

A pandemic is a virus or disease outbreak over a very large geographical area which causes severe disruption or fear. Recently, worries have been raised concerning flu outbreaks, specifically an avian bird flu pandemic.

Though there are no signs of avian bird flu in the United States, there is a significant concern that in the near future, a new strand of influenza may develop. This could instigate extensive nationwide business disruption due to absenteeism caused by employee sickness or employees staying home to care for sick family members.

Outlined in the awareness message is a statement informing people that the state of Wisconsin is discussing a plan should an outbreak of the flu occur.

The primary purpose of the Wisconsin pandemic continuity plan is to develop a cohesive statewide plan to ensure that critical, time-sensitive services will be able to carry on in the event of an influenza pandemic, especially emergency response.

Specifically, the message advises state colleges and universities to develop steps to protect the state workforce and ensure minimal business disruption in the event of a pandemic.

One of the major components of the continuity plan is an effort to distribute information to university employees and residents. This includes an awareness component that will provide employees with what to expect in the event of an outbreak as well as specific instructions on how to deal with the situation should a pandemic arise.

For the time being, there is little information available other

than the discussions taking place at locations imperative to the operation of the state concerning their response plans.

State public health officials and UW experts agree that the simplest way to protect oneself from a pandemic is to receive a flu vaccination.

They also advise common health practices such as: covering one's mouth when coughing or sneezing, preferably with a tissue; frequent hand washing; limited face-to-face contact; and maintaining a three-foot distance from others when possible during an influenza outbreak.

Students or faculty interested in learning more about how to combat the spread of the flu and protect themselves may wish to view the Wisconsin Pandemic Influenza Plan at <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/communicable/pandemic/index.htm#Prepare>.

Lisa Walter is in charge of UW-Stout's Continuity of Operations program and may be reached at (715) 232-2266.

For specific health or flu-related questions, contact Janice Ramaeker, the director of Student Health Services. Ramaeker can be reached at ramaekrj@uwstout.edu.

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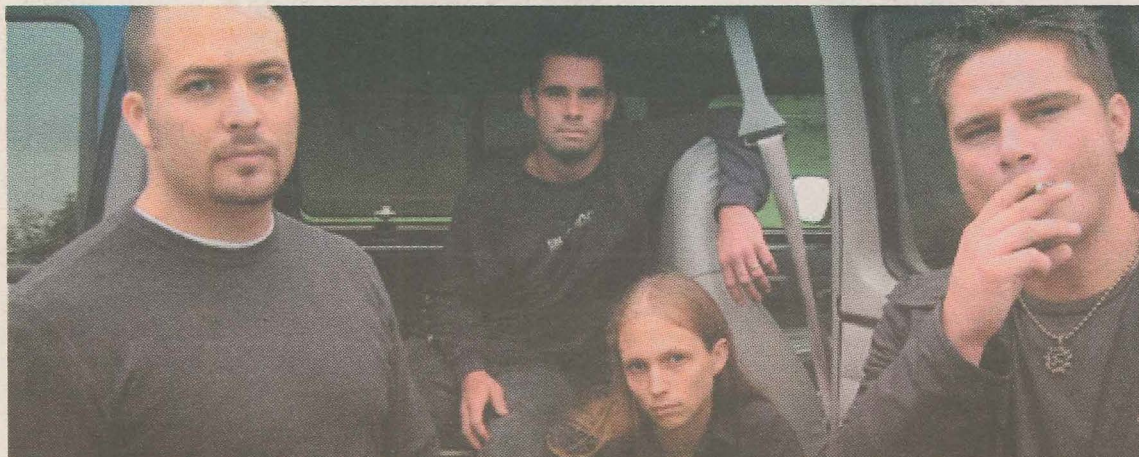
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Indie trio gives "everything"



Source: <http://www.allmoviephoto.com>

The Dog and Everything, an up-and-coming independent band, delivers high-energy music onstage.

Chelsea Rickert

Entertainment Editor

Alternative rock band The Dog and Everything will perform Nov. 2 at 8 p.m. in Huff's.

The independent band is comprised of a trio from Chicago, Ill. and has released two albums, "Bandshell," released in 2002, and "Sound Off," released in 2004. Already over 15,000 copies of the albums have been sold. Despite its independence from a label company, The Dog and Everything has played many large shows, including the Warped Tour and NBC's "America's Got Talent," and it is forecasted that the band won't

remain independent for long.

For the past few months, the band was hoping to add more members to their repertoire, a bassist and keyboardist, but it announced in September that The D&E will remain a trio.

When addressing the issue of remaining a rockin' trio instead of a powerhouse quintet, members of the band said, "We feel the band has gotten back to the very heart of what the D&E is and we don't want to change that."

However, the search for a new keyboardist and bassist led the D&E band members, Dan, Tommy and Augie, to team up with two artists to form a five

piece outfit, Last Fast Action. The project features vocals, guitar, bass, keyboard, and drums.

"Although we felt it didn't belong in the band The Dog & Everything, playing with these new people has been an inspiring experience" said the band members.

The D&E support an upbeat pop-rock sound and is currently working on an upcoming acoustic album.

DriveBack will open for the D&G.

More information about the D&G and sample tracks from their previous albums can be found at www.thedogandeverything.com.

Boys bond over talk show



Jenna Wojan

Entertainment Writer

Raucous cheers echo through South Hall's second floor every morning at 10 a.m. Search for the source, and one will find a group of six guys crowded into one freshman's dorm room, shoving and pushing each other out of the way for a prime position on the futon in front of the television. What do they wait for? Football? Poker championships? Girls Gone Wild infomercials? No, they wait for "The Maury Povich Show."

A hush fell over the group of grown men as Maury introduced last Thursday's show, aptly titled, "My Ninth Grade Baby Wants To Have A Baby," which focused on the increasing number of unprotected sex and teen pregnancies.

"The Maury Show" on NBC was ranked fourth in households among the ten first-run daytime talk shows in the 2005-2006 season.

It also ranked third among all first-run talk shows with women ages 18-34.

"The Maury Show" is in its ninth season and is still compelling viewers to explore controversial issues that affect teens, parents and society as a whole.

Maury has obviously compelled hotel and tourism management freshman Shane Wilkinson to start a Facebook group shortly after arriving to college called, "Is it bad that I'm obsessed with 'The Maury Show'?" that claims 14 members from the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus.

Members can share comments about the show and ex-

press their anticipation for upcoming shows.

"Maury sacrifices his own life sometimes" said psychology freshman Eric Swiggum in admiration of the 67-year-old journalist-turned-talk-show host, when he stepped between a raging mother and her scantily clad teenage daughter on TV.

Do they feel strange watching a show that is targeted to 18- to 34-year-old women? Not at all. The whole group agreed that they would "rather watch Maury than competitive swimming." Although it does get awkward watching commercials for feminine products that come on between the program.

"Maury's a mentor," said freshman Joe Cina. "He can turn your life around."

Currently, Wilkinson is trying to attain free tickets to "The Maury Show" in New York City, and if possible, the group plans to travel to see the show live during the next available break.

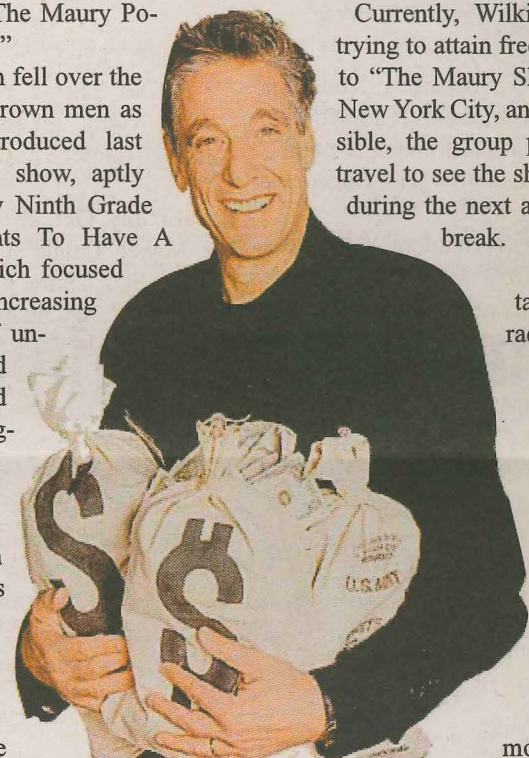
A certain comradery has developed through this gathering in front of the television set each morning to watch wives

confess to their husbands that they are cheating on them with their best friend.

The group swells and decreases in numbers throughout the week, and when somebody misses, "we give him an update," said Wilkinson.

"Everyone skipped their classes for 'The Top Ten Most Shocking Paternity Tests'" said Cina. It seems that nothing is too much of a sacrifice or too extreme for this group of guys, who do not feel incompetent or unmanly watching daytime television.

Watching "The Maury Show" is also a humbling experience. After viewing a few episodes Swiggum said, "you realize how good you have it."



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Disney adds new twist to much-loved Tim Burton classic



Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

Tim Burton's "The Nightmare Before Christmas," directed by Henry Selick and originally released in 1993, is now back in theaters. However, this time the movie is in Disney Digital 3-D animation.

Tim Burton worked as an animator with Disney in the '80s but left the company to pursue other projects such as "Peewee's Big Adventure," "Batman" and "Batman Returns."

In the early '90s, Disney was looking for unusual projects, and Tim Burton's previous experience with the company and penchant for the abnormal made him an ideal candidate for hire.

Thus, "The Nightmare Before Christmas" was born and quickly became a cult classic.



Source: <http://www.allmoviephoto.com>

Tim Burton's beloved claymation masterpiece has been reinvented and re-released to the silver screen for Halloween.

"The Nightmare Before Christmas" is the story of Jack Skellington, played by Chris Sarrandon. Jack Skellington, who is the Pumpkin King of Halloween Town, is bored with the same old tricks and treats.

Jack stumbles upon the magic of Christmas Town and decides to bring this joyful

holiday back to his own realm. But as his dream to fill Santa's shoes unravels, it's up to Sally the rag doll, played by Catherine O'Hara, to stitch things back together.

The movie is not just child's play for the holidays; it's about being truly happy in a tough world, complete with an unfor-

gettable musical score. The message of the movie is that all you need to do is be exactly who you are, without compromise.

The theatrical re-release of the movie in 3-D animation comes just in time for the Halloween spirit and gives fans a chance to see the claymation classic on the big screen.

The only downfall to this re-release is the fact that the movie can only be found in select theaters.

The closest locations to Menomonie are in Minnesota at the Carmike Oakdale Stadium in Oakdale and Showplace 16 in Coon Rapids.

Remake of silent horror film released to celebrate the holiday

Jenna Wojan

Entertainment Writer

Image Entertainment and Dark Horse Entertainment released the spooky remake of the 1920 film "The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari" on DVD Oct. 25.

The original silent film, directed by Robert Weine, was made at the height of the German expressionist movement, which was a genre that dominated the theatrical arts in the '20s.

Impressionism sought to give an outward impression of an object, while expressionism wanted to impose the emotional

feel that an object invoked upon the object itself.

It tells a tale of three friends visiting a fair where they meet Dr. Caligari, who displays a sleepwalker who has the ability to predict the future, called a somnambulist.

The somnambulist, Cesare, predicts the death of one of the friends. After the prophecy comes true, Cesare becomes the prime murder suspect.

This spurs a series of horrific and suspenseful events that lead up to a startling climax.

Widely considered to be the first true horror film ever made, the expressionist genre reveals itself in the construction and detail of the sets, which were all made of paper with dramatic shadows painted on the walls and floor. The actors' faces were also painted pale, with dark, dramatic shadows around their eyes.

The remake is directed by first-time director David Lee Fisher and stars Doug Jones, who is best known for roles in

which his face is hidden such as Abe Sapien in "Hellboy," Pan in "Pan's Labyrinth," and the Silver Surfer in the upcoming "Fantastic Four" sequel.

"The entire thing is a visual effects movie, because we used the original backdrops from the first Caligari," said Jones.

The entire film was shot using green screen sets, with some of the images from the original superimposed to replicate the classic.

Fisher's goal for the project was to maintain the original German expressionism style and art direction of the 1920 film but expand on the storyline and fill in the plot holes that were a typical pitfall of silent era movies, by turning it into a contemporary "talkie" film.

The film will be the first release for the new alliance between Image and Dark Horse, and it will be a two-disc set that also includes the original 1920 movie, "The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari."



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The silent film "The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari" is considered the first true horror film. Its remake is released just in time for Halloween.

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Band's new album boasts childish sense of humor

Chris Moellering
Entertainment Writer

On Nov. 7, pop-punk sensation Bowling for Soup makes their return with the release of their fifth full-length studio album, "The Great Burrito Extortion Case."

The album is the follow-up to their richly funny 2004 album, "A Hangover You Don't Deserve," which featured hit songs "1985," "Almost" and "Ohio."

Bowling for Soup's popularity has been steadily growing over the past 10 years.

With each new album, this Texas foursome has found new ways to make their audience laugh. With "The Great Burrito Extortion Case," fans can expect more of the same.

The first single off the new album, "High School Never Ends," is available on iTunes and proves to be another funny but true song. It basically makes life out to be one giant gossip column. Even after high school, people are still obsessed with who's the best dressed and who's having sex.

No tour has been announced yet to support the upcoming releases, but Bowling for Soup is known for their relentless touring.



Source: <http://www.allmoviephoto.com>

Famous pop-punk band Bowling for Soup will release their fifth studio album, which will reflect their trademark goofy sense of humor.

It's very likely that they will be coming to the area in the upcoming months.

With their catchy pop songs, Bowling for Soup live shows have a tendency to draw an audience of all ages.

Their concerts also tend to double as comedy shows. The audience never knows what the band is going to do or say next. A lot of songs get stopped halfway

through just so the members can say something completely random. Their shows are designed for an audience with a childish sense of humor, but that doesn't mean everybody can't have a good time.

"The Burrito Extortion Case" is different from other Bowling for Soup albums in that lead singer/song writer Jaret Reddick actually wrote most of

the songs with help from Adam Schlesinger of Fountains of Wayne, Zac Maloy of The Nixons, and Butch Walker of Marvelous 3. Once the songs were written, Reddick got back with the members of his own band to record them.

Hilarious videos have become a trademark of Bowling for Soup.

In a recent interview with

MTV news, Reddick would not give away the concept for the "High School Never Ends" video. He did say it would not be obvious and take place in a high school.

On Oct. 31 starting at 5 p.m., fans can go to www.habbo.com and chat live with the band. From personal experience, hanging out and chatting with Bowling for Soup is quite entertaining.

International Week

November 6–11, 2006

"Study Abroad 101"

Monday, November 6

Panel discussion: question and answer session with recent study abroad participants

6:00 p.m. Huff's, Memorial Student Center

Film "Flavors"

Tuesday, November 7

A spirited Indo-American comedy about people from India living in America

6:00 p.m., Ballroom B, Memorial Student Center

Nepal Presentation

Wednesday, November 8

Come hear about a unique Hindu culture represented by over 40 Nepalese students studying at UW-Stout

6:00 p.m., Huff's, Memorial Student Center

Fulbright Experiences in China and Lithuania

Thursday, November 9

By Dr. Kathy Callahan and Dr. Abel Adekola

1:30 p.m., Pioneer Room, Memorial Student Center

"Cultural Madness"

Thursday, November 9

A comedy show that is performed by six comedians from different ethnicities and backgrounds

7:00 p.m., Ballroom B, Memorial Student Center

Liberia Presentation

Friday, November 10

Presented by two UW-Stout alumni

1:30 p.m., Pioneer Room, Memorial Student Center

International Dinner

Saturday, November 11

Cultural Exhibits and Social Hour

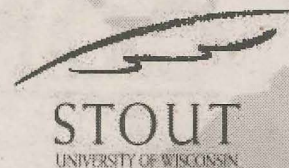
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Gruesome exhibit visits the Twin Cities

Chelsea Rickert

Entertainment Editor

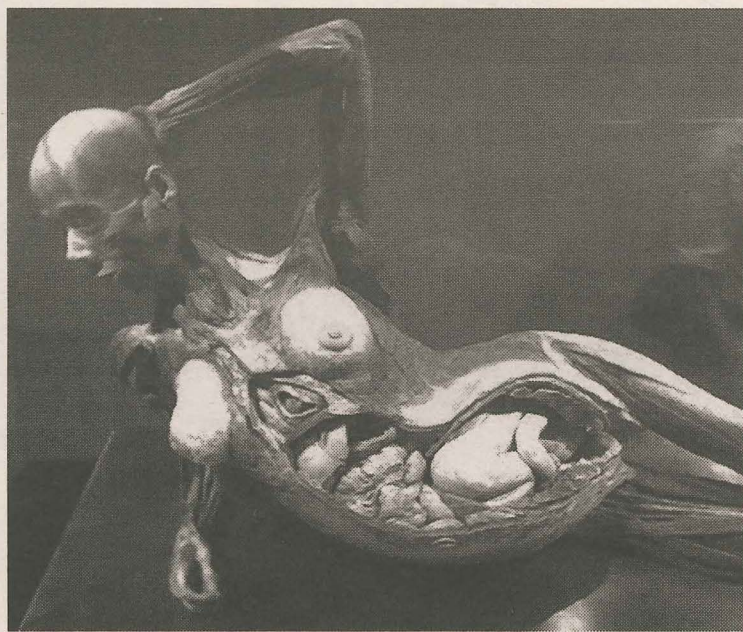
The Body Worlds exhibit is being showcased at the Science Museum of Minnesota in St. Paul, Minn.

Gunther von Hagens' Body Worlds exhibit, as described by the Science Museum, is "a first-of-its-kind exhibit in which guests learn about anatomy, physiology and health by viewing real human bodies."

The exhibit features over 200 authentic cadavers, human corpses donated to science. The bodies are preserved via a process invented by von Hagen, called plastination. A plastic substance is injected into the body, which allows people to view the many organs and systems under the skin.

There are entire bodies as well as individual organs and transparent body parts, which were made via a process called cross slicing. Bodies at the exhibit are fresh, some from as recent as 2002, and range from full-grown adults to infants and fetuses.

There is even an exhibit of a woman and fetus. The woman had a disease and did not survive the pregnancy and both bodies were donated to science.



Source: <http://www.allmoviephoto.com>

Yes, you really saw that. The gory Body Worlds exhibit offers a unique way to learn about how human and animal bodies work.

"She was lying on a table on her side and her stomach was open so you could see the baby," said Leslie Iverson, a University of Wisconsin-Stout sophomore in technical communications. "You know how you see someone who's pregnant and you're like 'oh there's a baby in there,' but now I can actually picture where the baby is and how it's positioned."

Iverson also described exhibits such as a basketball player frozen in motion and an entire

rearing, plastinized horse bearing a skinless plastinized rider.

The Body Worlds exhibit will be at the Science Museum of Minnesota until Dec. 3. Visiting the exhibit takes about two hours, and tickets for college students with I.D. are \$16. There are limited admissions every 15 minutes and reservations are suggested.

More information about Body Worlds can be found at <http://www.smm.org/body-worlds>.

Campus gamers unite

PONG celebrates day off with LAN

Ellen Schuetz

Entertainment Writer

PONG's Advisement Eve LAN, which was held at 5 p.m. on Monday, Oct 23, in the Great Hall of the Memorial Student Center, had a great response. At least 77 people registered for this event. The LAN not only offered gameplay for the over 40 PC gamers that came, but for the first time also had many consoles set up.

They had a Nintendo GameCube set up for "Super Smash Brothers Melee," a Sega with old games such as "Sonic the Hedgehog," and of course many Xbox consoles that ran "Halo 2."

Halo tournaments seem to be one of the biggest draws to the LAN, with over 6 large screens set up to play 4-player games of "Halo 2." There were tournaments for "Halo2," as well as a new tournament for "Smash Bros."

"Come to the November event" said Jonathon Vermes, PONG president. "We'll have more sponsors and prizes."

Vermes said that the more people that register and come to the events, the more the sponsors will be willing to put into it.

This means that there will be more prizes and definitely more fun for the gamers that attend these events.

The cost to enter the LAN was \$7 at the door for PC gamers, and \$3 for console gamers. The price was lowered to \$5 for PCs and \$1 for console if the participants pre-registered on the PONG web site.

"It's 'definitely worth the entrance fee'" said Aaron Silvernale, an attendant at the PONG event. "(It's) better than the Whitewater ones where they charge you \$20."

The event ran smoothly. The director of consoles, Dan Wald, said that there were a few minor problems with the consoles but that it was an easy fix.

He was pleased with how the event turned out and really likes to see all the gamers happy so that hopefully they will return again next time.

All the members of PONG seem to be working hard to make this a great LAN event for everyone. They are working continuously to make the event better and better for the future.

The addition of the console games seemed to be a big hit with everyone. For all of you who attended this event, Vermes wants to hear your feedback on how it went and how he can make the next LAN even better.

You can contact PONG via pong@uwstout.edu, or visit their web site at <http://pong.uwstout.edu>.

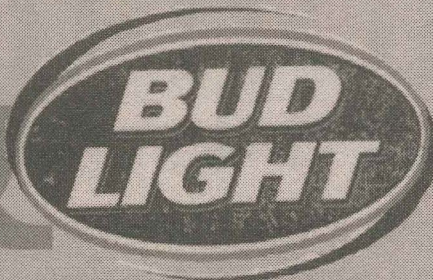


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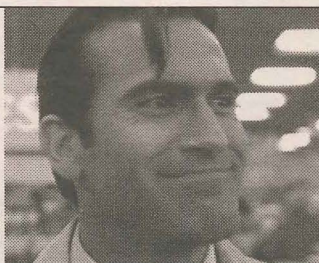
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Too Many Jokes

by Drew Retherford



Back in my day, we didn't cuss out our parents, or smoke drugs out of light bulbs. We opened doors for women, and helped the elderly cross the street. Nowadays, you kids would trample your own grandmother to get an xbox or meth. Dagnabbit kids. And the Internets! dont get me started on those internets! They can put a man on the moon, then whaddya need some crazy Internets for? I bet its the commies! And Hip hoppin! Ha, those melon heads putting their ears so close to the darn speakers Shakin their butts and heads to the hip hops. Gettin all worked up now, aint i? Maybe i should dress silly, and talk like I'm uneducated, and curse on my records, and release singles before my album comes out to make more money off you fools.

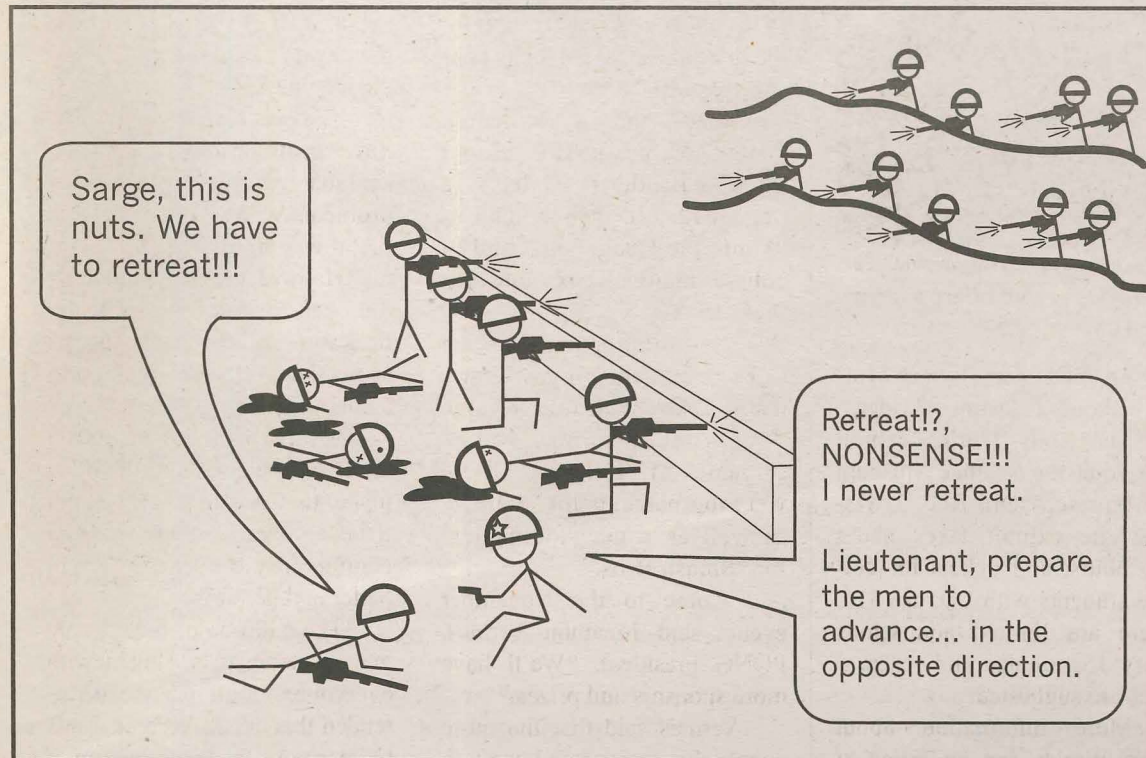
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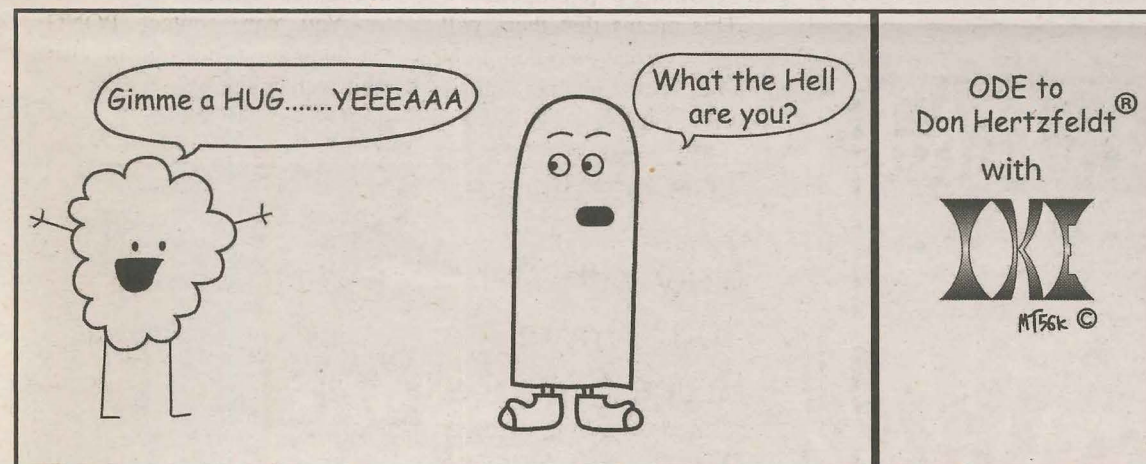
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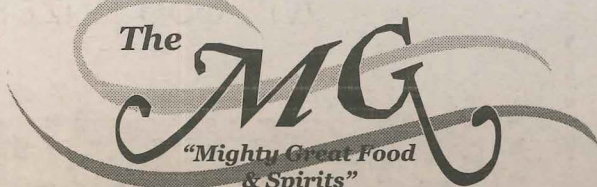


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Men's CC chasing WIAC Championships

By Joshua E. Fox
Sports Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout Blue Devils men's cross country team is looking for a strong finish to a great season this weekend. The Blue Devils will be at Maple Grove Country Club in West Salem, Wis. on Saturday Oct. 28 for the WIAC Championships. They will be running a course that spans 8,000 meters. The meet begins at 11 a.m.

The Blue Devils have 15 runners, all of whom will be returning next year. Their top runner is out with an injury this year, which has really hurt the team. Even so, they had a great group of freshmen this year which really came through for the Blue Devils.

"We had a lot of faith in our freshmen," said coach Joshua Buchholtz. "We also had a lot of faith in our top runner, even with him being injured."

David Schonscheck, a junior in packaging, finished 157th at the NCAA Division III Midwest Regional with a time of 28:13.1 last season. He set the pace for the Blue Devils in three races this season including a first place finish in

the Lake Wissota Invitational dual meet against the University of Wisconsin-Eau-Claire Bugolds. Schonscheck's best time of the season was 27:05 in the 8km at the Bugold Invite, placing him 53rd of more than 195 runners.

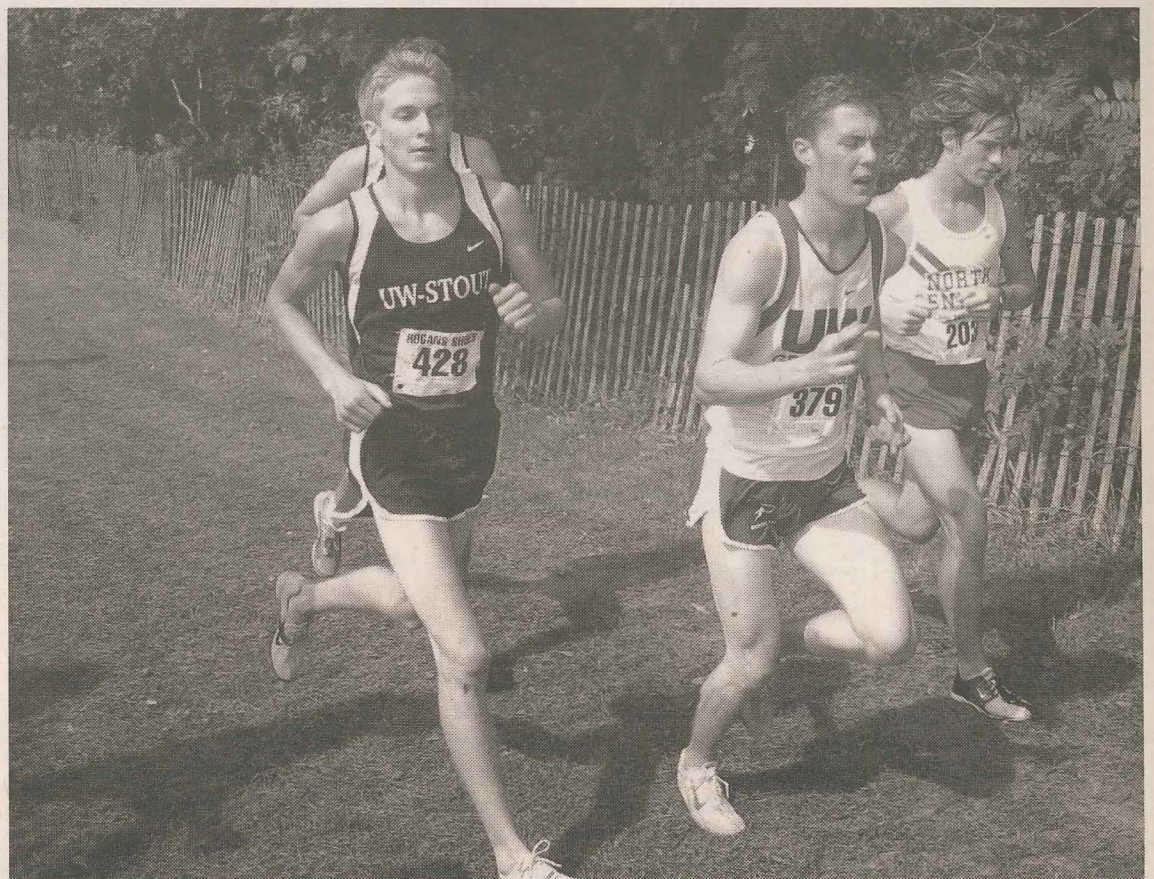
"I did about as well as I expected this year, but as a team we did a lot better than I expected," said Schonscheck.

Jon Golem, a junior in engineering technology, also had a good season, posting a season-best time of 28:02 on the 8km course at the Jim Drews Invitational at the Maple Grove Country Club in West Salem, Wis.

"I was a lot better this year than I was last year at this time," said Golem. "I ran my best time a month earlier this year."

Justin Verhulst, a sophomore in applied math and computer science, had a season best time of 29:32. This was his first year as a Blue Devil in cross country.

"The season went as well as I expected it to," said Verhulst. "I plan to run better this weekend than the last course meet I ran."



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With the top runner out from an injury, UW-Stout men's cross country still ends the season strong. Their last competition will be the WIAC Championships on Saturday, Oct. 28, in Salem, Wis.

Buchholtz is also positive and expects the team to take fifth or sixth place. Buchholtz is hoping to have at least ten new recruits and get at least six

good runners out of that bunch. The team's top runner should be back next season also.

At the WIAC Men's Cross Country Championships in

2005, the Blue Devils had seven top 60 finishes. Nate Haeny set the pace placing 16th overall. The Blue Devils took sixth in the championship.

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Women's CC to enter WIAC Championship

By Josh Parshley
Sports Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's cross country team is on the move. The team had a decent season and placed second at the Lake Wissota State Park this past weekend. With the season wrapping up, the WIAC championship is in sight.

The Blue Devils started the season pretty well, and they were racing against tough competition throughout the year. Coach Joe Harlan took advantage of the opportunity to get the team ready for the championships at the end of the year.

"I wanted the girls to get used to the competition," said Harlan. "By racing against the tougher schools, they will know what to expect at regionals." He said that if the girls run against this tough competition early on, they will be more relaxed later.

The team has been progressively improving throughout this season. They have worked very hard and they are running ten more miles a week this year compared to last year. Harlan also said he wanted the girls to get ready for the long run.

He knew that this may bring down the team's performance during the season, but would bring up the team's performance

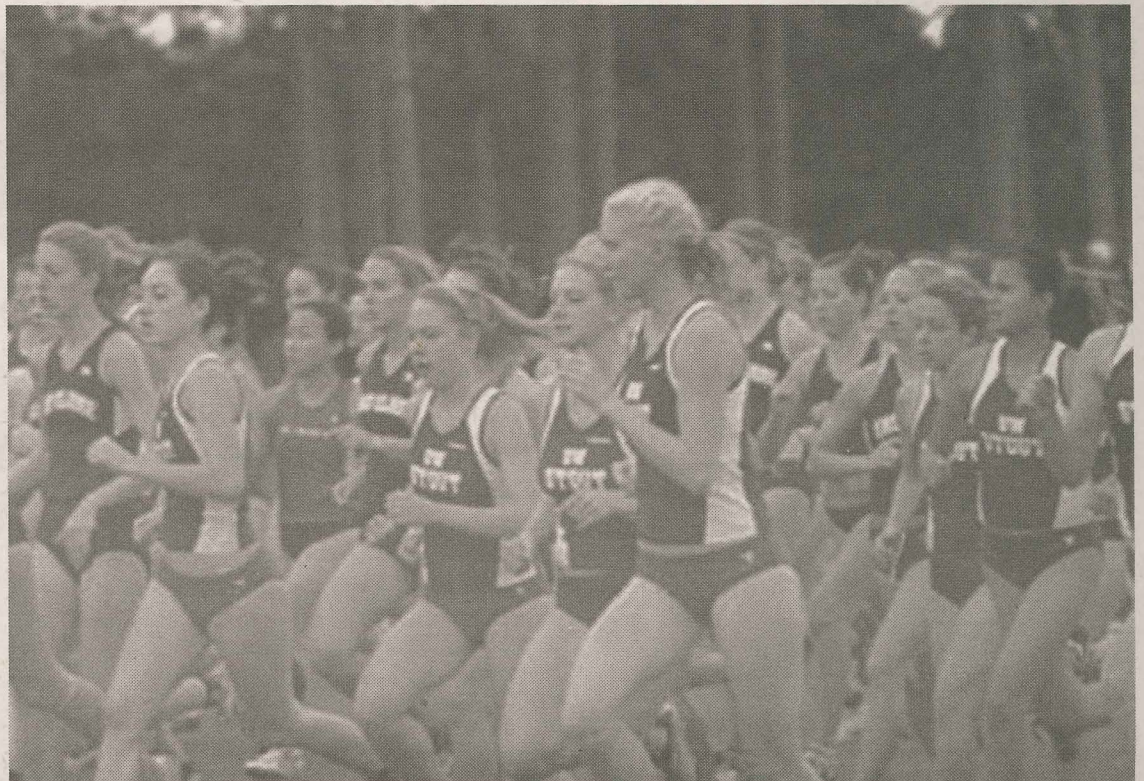
at the championships, which is the only thing that counts. The idea was to work hard now to be better, more fit later.

"Coach Harlan's training plans have put us in exactly the condition that we need to be in at the right time," said junior Abbey Ring, a dietetics major. "Everyone has been working hard all season so now all we have to do is trust our training."

The UW-Stout team has now shifted its focus during practice. They are now working hard on speed and quickness. The reason the team did this is simple: they wanted to peak right at championship time. By doing so, the team will be at its best while competing at the championships. This gives them hopes of moving up in the ranks compared to last year.

"The team has really progressed nicely," said Harlan. "Looking back at the team's training mileage and their long runs, they are physically ready. Since the team ran more miles and long runs this year, they are more relaxed and fitter, which will benefit us at the championships."

The team ran the conference course a few weeks ago and knows what to expect there. Harlan has been talking with his



Source: www.uwstout.edu/athletics

The UW-Stout women's cross country team knows what to expect at their upcoming conference. By staying strong and positive, they hope to top last year's seventh place finish.

runners about their individual plans for the races.

The team members are staying positive and feel they are ready. They all have high goals, and they all know what needs to be done to achieve them.

"As a team, we of course would like to place higher than our seventh place finish last year," said Ring. "On a great day we could place as high as fourth or fifth."

FACT

Turkeys have heart attacks. When the U.S. Air Force was conducting test runs and breaking the sound barrier, fields of turkeys would drop dead.

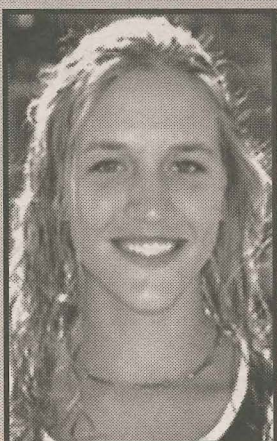
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ATHLETE Week

THE FACTS: Tennis: A freshman from Rochester, Minn., Katie Carr finished as a runner-up at the WIAC Championships.

Carr beat her opponents until the championship round where she fell in the last two sets to UW-Eau Claire's Brenna McCormick.

The team finished fifth overall at the tournament and in the league.



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Volleyball beat Northwestern College, breaking a six game losing streak

Next game:
Fri., Oct. 20, at Illinois Wesleyan Invite



Tough defense for hockey season



Casey Nold
Sports Editor

The University of Wisconsin-Stout hockey team starts this year with strong momentum coming off the '05-'06 season. Reflections and revisions will mold the team in this new season.

Last year the hockey team won 15 games, matching the most games won in a season, and was ranked nationally for most of the season. Coach Terry Watkins has what he needs to match last season's achievements and hopefully grab more.

"We only graduated four of our 30 players from last year," said Watkins. "We recruited some great players that should give us what we need. We are playing in the best league in the country and it's tough. Hopefully we will do as well or better than last year."

"Last year we had a decent season from which we gained a lot, but we didn't go as far as we wanted and in the end that is what really matters to the team," said junior Michael Stone, a graphic communications management major. "We now bring all of that back to this season, with more talent and more confidence. I feel this year the team will go further than last year."

With many returning players, especially upperclassmen, Watkins was left with a strong defense, including all three goalies. He made significant changes to the offense by recruiting freshmen that have the power and size needed to score.

"We are good in both areas," said Watkins. "Two of the three goalies and four returning defensemen have been all-conference at one point in their career. We recruited 11 freshmen, nine of



Source: www.uwstout.edu/athletics

The hockey team opens the season with a new offense and inheriting a strong, sturdy defense from last year. They host Lawrence University Friday, Oct. 27.

which are at least six feet tall and led junior teams in scoring."

"We have a very strong defensive core from last year with three returning goalies and all defensemen except one," said sophomore Jack Wolgemuth. "Our defensive core should be able to generate a rewarding offense."

Many of the players said they didn't go as far as they would have liked last year. Now they have the chance to take what they earned last year and what they have been given this year to score more points, win more games and compete at a higher level.

"We set our goals high and expect to meet them," said an anonymous player. "Our goal is

to make it to the national tournament and this year I believe we have the team to do that."

"I think we have the potential to go further than we did last year, and that is exciting for every one of us," said senior Jeff DeFrancesca, a vocational rehabilitation major. "It really comes down to how well our freshmen can adjust to the college game and how much they can help us this year."

The team opens this season the same as last, hosting Lawrence University. Lawrence has a good goalie which stalled the team, but they still won by one goal.

"Lawrence has a great goal tender," said Watkins. "We took

a ridiculous amount of shots for one game."

UW-Stout hockey saddles up for their first season game on Friday, Oct. 27, at 7:30 p.m.

"The first game is scary, you think you are good but there are no givens," said Watkins.

"Come Friday, forwards, defensemen and goalies will be ready to win our first game at home," said Stone.

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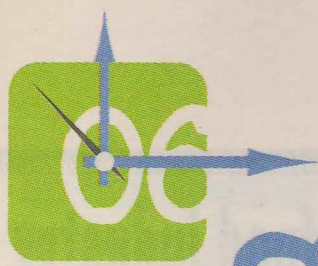
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Younger faces than normal hit Stout



Stacy McCormack/Stoutonia

Dorm halls at UW-Stout once again played host to trick-or-treaters on Halloween night. Pictured above are a few of the more imaginative costume concepts seen that night.

Effects the civil unions ban will have on couples

Medical decision-making:

By outlawing civil unions, the amendment would block the ability of a partner to make critical medical decisions. It could even seriously jeopardize existing legal arrangements for unmarried couples, such as medical powers of attorney.

Access to medical records:

Access to a partner's medical records could be seriously jeopardized if the ban passes. Access to medical records is an automatic right for legal next of kin.

Medical powers of attorney:

As a right that could be offered through civil unions one day in Wisconsin, the automatic ability to make medical decisions for gay partners would be prohibited. There is concern that even existing medical powers of attorney for unmarried couples would be jeopardized if the ban passes.

What Wisconsin voters will see on the Nov. 7 ballot:

"Marriage. Shall section 13 of article XIII of the constitution be created to provide that only a marriage between one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in this state and that a legal status identical or substantially similar to that of marriage for unmarried individuals shall not be valid or recognized in this state?"

Wills & estates:

If passed, the civil unions and marriage ban would give legal ground to challenge legal documents like wills and estates.

Burial arrangement, joint cemetery plots:

The ability to choose burial arrangements, have joint cemetery plots and have burial decision-making rights would not be given to unmarried couples.

The ability to take bereavement leave:

Gay couples would not be allowed the same right by law as straight couples in an in-

stance where time off of work is needed because of a death in the family.

Survivorship agreements:

As a right provided by civil unions or marriage, survivorship agreements would be threatened by the ban. Senior couples who re-partner later in life but do not remarry because of existing financial arrangements could see survivorship agreements with their partner jeopardized by the ban.

Joint parenting rights:

Joint-parenting rights would be taken off the table,

denying parents the ability to raise their family under basic protections of the law.

Domestic partner benefits:

Existing contracts and healthcare could be taken away from families across the state.

Some families have already lost healthcare in Michigan because of the state's ban.

The ability to assume a partner's property after death without being taxed:

As a right of civil unions or civil marriage, the automatic ability to assume a partner's property after death without being taxed would be off the table for gay couples in the state.

Civil unions:

By banning anything "substantially similar to marriage," the ban would no doubt outlaw civil unions. Civil unions are something polls show more and more Wisconsinites are

in favor of as a compromise measure. The ban would tie the hands of future legislators to offer legal protections to families in the form of civil unions.

Hospital visitation:

As a right that could be offered through civil unions one day in Wisconsin, the ability to visit a partner when he or she is critically ill in the hospital would be prevented by the ban.

Domestic violence protections:

If the civil unions and marriage ban passes, domestic violence protections would be threatened for any unmarried couple.

Because the couple is not married there is no legal protection against the abuse of a partner.

Filing joint taxes:

The right to jointly file taxes with a partner would be taken off the table for all unmarried couples.

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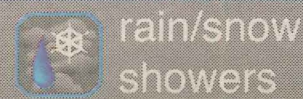
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Wis. death penalty referendum

State Legislature is providing an advisory referendum concerning the question of enacting the death penalty in this state.

The following question will be submitted, for advisory purposes only, to the voters of this state at the November 2006 general election. However, the final decision will be made by the Senate and the Assembly.

QUESTION

"Should the death penalty be enacted in the State of Wisconsin for cases involving a person who is convicted of first-degree intentional homicide, if the conviction is supported by DNA evidence?"

EXPLANATION

This is an advisory referendum only. Neither a "yes" vote nor a "no" vote will directly make any change in the law. The Legislature and the governor are not legally bound by the results of this advisory referendum.

The current penalty for first-degree intentional homicide is life in prison. The court imposing a life sentence may also prohibit the defendant from ever being released from prison. This is commonly referred to as 'life without the possibility of parole.'

A "yes" vote would advise members of the Legislature to change the penalty for first-degree intentional homicide to death when a person is convicted of first-degree intentional homicide and the conviction is supported by DNA evidence. The referendum question does not suggest what level of DNA evidence would be sufficient.

A "no" vote would advise members of the Legislature not to change the penalty for first-degree intentional homicide at this time.

—Wisconsin Briefs: from the Legislative Reference Bureau

Speakers discuss food industry

By Jenny Stabenow
News Writer

Three guest speakers enlightened students about their careers in the food industry on Monday, Oct. 30 at 5 p.m. in the Home Economics building. The majority of those who attended were majoring in food-related areas.

"It was a real insight to listen to food professionals highlight the good and bad things in their career and the path they took to be successful in the industry of food technology," said Katelyn Filbrandt, a food and science technology major. "There was so much excitement shown from each of the speakers about how they like their career and it broadened my interest of possibilities in the future."

The speakers consisted of Liz Gunderson, who spoke about starting her own business called Food Communication Services;

Carol Lowry, University of Wisconsin-Stout alumnus, who spoke on her past experiences in the food industry; and Lisa Golden, who told about her current work as a trend-setting food stylist in the Twin Cities.

"Lisa, Carol and Liz had a vast amount of knowledge and were willing to share their career path with us," said UW-Stout student Jacalyn Schultz. "By explaining where they've been along with the inside scoop of several adventures, we were able to understand how they became the successful women they are today."

Members of the Food Systems and Technology Professionals prepared several incredible dishes for the event.

"This began networking connections for students in these fields, which is priceless in itself," said Andrea Kolbeck, the Food Systems and Technology Professionals president.

NEWS for the college attention span

A new windy city

A storm caused houses from Maryland to Maine to lose power on Sunday, Oct. 29. The storm was also blamed for two deaths in the area. One falling tree killed a motorcyclist and another man fell off a cruise ship because of the wind.

Pastor in jail

A Baptist pastor from New York raped a 15-year-old girl and pleaded guilty to charges of the rape. He is now sentenced to more than 11 years in jail and was found guilty for seven counts of third-degree rape.

Black cat soup?

The Humane Society in Boise, Idaho is prohibiting black cat adoptions during the Halloween season. They prevent the adoptions because of possible Halloween pranks or sacrifices.

Another mine death

There have been 43 deaths in 2006 in the coal mining industry in the United States. This past Monday, a miner was killed and another seriously injured in West Virginia. The two men were preparing to work

on a shuttle car at about 7 a.m. but were crushed between the shuttle and mine wall.

Captain underpants banned

A school in Long Beach, N.Y sent home three 17-year-old girls who dressed up as Captain Underpants for superhero day. The girls wore skin-colored leotards and nude stockings under white briefs and red capes. They weren't naked, but the principal sent them home.

Bye-bye pink birdies

Union Products Inc. has stopped producing the original pink flamingo and other lawn ornaments out of its facility in Leominster, Mass. They will officially be out of business as of Nov. 1. Next year would be the 50th anniversary of flamingos.

United States does not torture

President Bush announced on Friday that the United States does not torture prisoners. Controversy was created because of words by Vice President Dick Cheney when he said a "dunk in water" would get terrorist suspects to talk.

PICASSO AT THE LAPIN AGILE

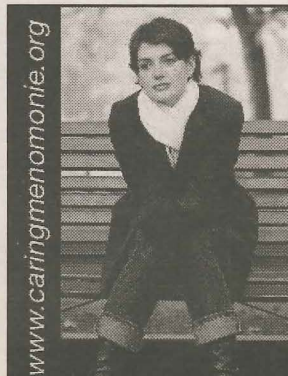
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With the shorter days come sleet, snow and SAD-ness

By Candice Maier
News Writer

The switch from daylight-saving time has kindly provided an additional hour to put into active, overloaded lives.

Many used this hour to their advantage and slept or accidentally showed up for class an hour early Monday morning.

However, the switch back to normal time does have its drawbacks.

The end of daylight-saving time may be the starting point of seasonal affective disorder.

The disorder affects approximately six million Americans annually. SAD is described by the American Psychiatric Association as a recurrent major depressive disorder.

In more applicable terms, SAD is a serious issue to those who are susceptible to the reduced amount of natural sunlight during late fall through early spring.

According to John Achter, licensed psychologist and director of the University of Wisconsin-Stout's Counseling Center, though the majority of the U.S. population experiences some degree of behavioral change as the year transitions into autumn, the intensity and severity of these behavioral changes vary.

It is estimated that 5 percent of the population suffers from the clinically diagnosed form of SAD, while an estimated 20 percent experience a more minor case labeled sub-syndromal SAD, also known as the "winter blues" or "cabin fever."

Symptoms include lowered energy levels, a tenden-

cy to withdraw from social events, difficulty in staying focused on school, increased appetite and an increased need for sleep.

Supplementary reading given by Achter said that "SAD runs in families and most patients have at least one close relative with a history of depression."

But before students go complaining to Mom and Dad, they might want to do a reality check and look at the level of anxiety that may surround them on a daily basis.

Everyday stressors and occurrences play a major role in the onset of SAD. Especially during the time of mid-term exams, students need to be sure they are taking care of themselves by getting appropriate amounts of sleep and eating nutritious meals.

Choosing to not go out drinking three nights a week, rising early in the morning for that extra hour of sunshine, and declining to be immersed in personal drama are among the many ways to have and maintain a positive and sensible well-being.

Any form of stress may be just enough to put someone "over the edge."

Who has this disorder? The "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders" says women comprise 60 to 90 percent of persons with SAD.

Due to the cyclical release of female hormones, women tend to be affected by seasonal change more drastically than men.

According to a recent survey taken by UW-Stout female students, 66 percent

reported having less energy to perform daily tasks.

Age also impacts statistics. People in their 20s, 30s and 40s are most susceptible to SAD.

So how does someone know if he or she has seasonal affective disorder, or if a lowered energy level is simply winter gloom?

"The most accurate assessment would come from seeing a qualified medical or mental health professional," said Achter.

Before doing this, however, a good starting point would be self-assessment.

The seasonal pattern assessment questionnaire is a short test that evaluates the

degree of seasonality. It asks questions, such as what month you sleep most and when you socialize the least. For those who are curious, check out http://www.normanrosenthal.com/winter_blues_2.shtml.

Individuals with SAD can be successfully treated through various means.

Light therapy, which provides increased exposure to safe, high intensity light, is considered the best treatment for depressions that are primarily seasonal in nature.

Special light fixtures can be purchased and used for just 30 minutes per day during the winter months to improve symptoms.

Increasing one's exposure to natural light also helps, by being outside, near windows or in well-lit rooms during the darker periods of the year.

Achter also said treatments that work for all depressions can also all be successful in decreasing the overall seasonality score.

These include exercise, healthy diet, social support, counseling and medication.

For any other information on SAD or sub-syndromal SAD, contact the Counseling Center at counseling@uwstout.edu or x2468.

An alternative would be to check out the book "Winter Blues" by Norman E. Rosenthal.

Donate blood. Save a life.



Jeremy Nelson/Stoutonia

Students gathered in the upper level of the Memorial Student Center on Monday to spend an hour of their time to give life-saving blood.

By Jenny Stabenow
News Writer

Each year, only 5 percent of eligible people donate blood and almost five million people need blood transfusions.

The only current source of blood is healthy donors; there is no other substitute.

Gamma Sigma and Chi Lambda hosted a blood drive with the American Red Cross from Oct. 30 through Nov. 1 in the Memorial Student Center.

If you missed this opportunity you can access more information on upcoming drives at www.givelife.org.

People do not donate blood for a number of reasons. The most typical is that they do not like needles or are afraid.

You've probably heard it before, but it's true: the needle will only feel like a slight

pinch. The amount of time blood donation takes can also keep some people from donating, but the actual donation only takes up to ten minutes, though the entire process is about an hour long.

Even so, think of donating an hour of your life to save the entire lifetime of a premature baby or someone with cancer. An hour can save a life.

A lot of people believe their blood type is not needed, but every type of blood is needed on a daily basis to keep patients alive.

There is also no need to worry about donating blood because the body is able to quickly replace the blood donated.

Another large fear is feeling weak or sick afterwards. Most people are able to continue with their usual physical activities after donating because

the body constantly makes new blood and is able to keep up with the loss of a pint.

If saving a life is not a good enough reason to donate blood, maybe free food is. Free juice and cookies are provided after donation.

Donators may need it: they will weigh a pint less than when they came in. Donation is easy and only takes an hour. The American Red Cross will give step-by-step instructions.

Anyone can spare a pint of blood. Most people can donate yet there is still not enough for those who need blood. The bandage they give you is like a badge of honor, and no one will ask you to lift anything heavy that day.

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Free films for a healthier planet

By Matt Ader
News Writer

Students may have noticed that the State Cinema on Broadway Street has been showing free movies lately. GreenSense, the University of Wisconsin-Stout's own student environmental group, is sponsoring a film festival at the State Cinema with movies on loan from the Sierra Club Student Coalition.

Because these movies are being borrowed from the Sierra Club, attendance to them is free of charge and State Cinema has agreed to participate in the film festival as a service to the greater Menomonie area.

The movies are showing every Wednesday and Thursday night at 6 p.m. at the State Cinema, just north of UW-Stout's main campus on Broadway Street. The movies started showings on Wednesday, Oct. 18, and will end on Thursday, Nov. 16.

All of the movies focus in some way on global warming, its effects and ways people are working together to reverse it. "Too Hot Not to Handle" and "Power Shift" have already been shown. These films dealt with the stories of scientists, citizens,



Contributed Photo

Through a series of movies shown at the State Cinema, GreenSense forges their own battle against global warming.

businesses and local governments that have made a positive difference in reducing global warming. The films also examined personal methods which can be taken to reduce the effects of global warming.

Coming this week is the movie "Earth to America," a comedian-filled jaunt that promises to poke fun at our most serious problem, global warming. Robin Williams, Jack Black, Steve Martin, Ben Stiller, Tom Hanks and several other comedians are featured in the film.

Still to come are the movies "Homeland," which depicts the

activities of four Native American communities fighting the 'New Indian Wars,' and 'Out of Balance,' which discusses the undue influence held by Exxon Mobile but goes beyond criticizing the company and takes a good hard look at what must be done for Earth to remain livable for future generations.

A call has been put out to have professors give extra credit to students who attend the film festival. Any students or faculty interested in learning about global warming, its effects and what can be done are welcome to attend.



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Electrical mishap

Monday, Oct. 23, at approximately 11:45 p.m., police were dispatched to Harvey Hall for an electrical fire. A damaged electrical cord for a Pepsi refrigerator was discovered to be the cause.

Is it hot in here, or is it just me?

Wednesday, Oct. 25, it was discovered that the internal temperature of the Child Family Study Center was 81 degrees.

Was it Fabio?

Wednesday, Oct. 25, around 8:30 a.m., officers were dispatched to Jarvis Hall Tech. Wing in response to a suspicious person report. A white male with long blond hair was reported but never located.

Lost and found

Wednesday, Oct. 25, campus police received several bikes, which were abandoned on campus.

Any student who can provide identifying information can claim their bike.

Officers advise that all bikes be registered in the city of Menomonie. Students can register their bike at the University Police building for \$2.

FACT

"In Huntington, West Virginia, it's legal to beat your wife so long as it's done in public on a Sunday and on the courthouse steps."

- www.littleknownfactsshow.com

International Week

November 6-11, 2006

"Study Abroad 101"

Monday, November 6

Panel discussion: question and answer session with recent study abroad participants

6:00 p.m. Huff's, Memorial Student Center

Film "Flavors"

Tuesday, November 7

A spirited Indo-American comedy about people from India living in America

6:00 p.m., Ballroom B, Memorial Student Center

Nepal Presentation

Wednesday, November 8

Come hear about a unique Hindu culture represented by over 40 Nepalese students studying at UW-Stout

6:00 p.m., Huff's, Memorial Student Center

Fulbright Experiences in China and Lithuania

Thursday, November 9

By Dr. Kathy Callahan and Dr. Abel Adekola

1:30 p.m., Pioneer Room, Memorial Student Center

"Cultural Madness"

Thursday, November 9

A comedy show that is performed by six comedians from different ethnicities and backgrounds

7:00 p.m., Ballroom B, Memorial Student Center

Liberia Presentation

Friday, November 10

Presented by two UW-Stout alumni
1:30 p.m., Pioneer Room, Memorial Student Center

International Dinner

Saturday, November 11

Cultural Exhibits and Social Hour

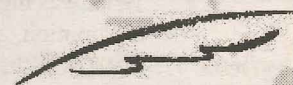
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Who are these tactics meant to impress anyway?



Staff Editorial The Stoutonia Staff

Perhaps the things Rush Limbaugh says and does make him seem cruder, stupider and more insensitive than he really is.

Then again, maybe not.

Recently the oversized, undersmart pundit mocked Michael J. Fox on his radio show, accusing the actor of exaggerating his Parkinson's symptoms while campaigning for a democratic candidate in order to garner sympathy. Ugly talk even for Limbaugh, but election time

seems to bring the worst out of a lot of people, and not just pundits. Candidates themselves have much to answer for lately.

Politics is a dirty business and with the polls opening next Tuesday, we're seeing some pretty ugly displays by those who would wander the halls of power in our name.

Is it just us, or are the ads this year more shamelessly negative than normal? How do you measure shamelessness? More to the point, should you have to?

Issues are abandoned for mudslinging, but of course that's nothing new, right? It's a 15 second time slot, after all, so might as well go for the jugular.

Name calling, accusations, slander—not exactly the way to voters' hearts you'd think.

But maybe that's the point. Maybe the whole idea is to repulse the more reasonable amongst us, the ones



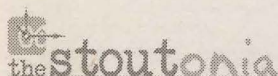
on the fence. If those people lose faith in the system and those who run it, they'll likely throw up their hands and not vote. Who does that leave? The ones who have already made up their minds

regardless of facts.

Even though politics should be about a fair and cooperative process to work towards a better society and unified community, it more often than not boils down to

an ignorant and selfish power struggle between opposing parties, like noisy children fighting over who gets to go first on an amusement park ride.

Go and vote anyway.



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My very last Stout Halloween



Matt Schubbe
Columnist

Well it was quite a fun weekend of costumed revelry, and I'm very pleased to say that I saw quite a few original and inspired costumes. No Samurai Abraham Lincolns to speak of, but there's always next year. At any rate, here are some of my favorites of the night that I had the chance to witness:

A friend of mine, who happens to be a girl, went as Charlie Chaplin. She even had a bowler hat and a little moustache to complete the ensemble. What was most impressive, in my opinion, about this costume, was that it marks the first occasion of my short life in which I was totally fine in my book for a girl to have a moustache. Hard to believe, I know, but a great costume can do that, and by "that" I mean radically change your perception of gender norms, or something like that.

Another favorite of mine from the evening was a guy I saw dressed as "V" from Alan Moore's graphic novel "V for Vendetta" and more recently the film of the same name. The mask and the hair were perfect and he even had a cape and boots. Not to mention that V

is just an all out cool character, and more people SHOULD dress as him for Halloween. I also probably should have asked him to recite V's speech from the opening of the film that included all those "V" words, but I had to keep scoping out costumes.

My next choice, which was a close second, was a guy I saw who had a nearly exact replica, right down to the tights, of Will Ferrell's outfit as seen in the movie "Elf." I think his hair may have even been naturally curly, so he REALLY pulled it off. It didn't hurt that this particular individual was also extraordinarily tall, which very appropriately echoed the scenes of giant Buddy the elf in the tiny environs of elf town. Nicely done.

And now the most important part of the article: The winner of Matt Schubbe's Halloween Spooktacular 2006 costume contest Blow-Out! I saw a man near The Buck in town who was dressed as the little puppet version of "Jigsaw" from the "Saw" movies. He had a homemade mask, a little suit, and even a tiny tricycle that he rode for most of the evening. Simply astounding. That is dedication, my friends, to ride a tiny tricycle around town at night like that. All I can say is that it's too bad this is my last Halloween at Stout, because I'd love to see what people would do next year.

Too bad no one decided to dress up as me...

Let's talk holidays for a minute

Theresa Radtke
Columnist

I saw a lot of costumes this weekend when people were all dressed up for Halloween parties. The girls looked liked sluts but the boys had some good ones. Halloween is great for many reasons, but it's definitely not the best holiday we have in America.

At Halloween there is candy galore to eat and dressing up is fun and everything, but other than those two perks, America's Halloween is pretty much just an easy way to get free candy and dress up sexy. A lot of people are unaware of how Halloween started and the true meaning behind it.

In Mexico, the day is celebrated on Nov. 1 and 2. Previously it fell on the ninth month of the Aztec Solar Calendar, on days close to the beginning of August, and was celebrated for the entire month. It changed when the Spaniards came over and tried to get rid of the celebrations, so the days were limited to two.

Dressing up could have originated because the Mexicans would dress as skeletons and put on little skirts of death. Going out and asking for candy probably originated in England, where little children would take carved out pumpkins and ask for money. Halloween isn't really celebrated in Europe like it is in America.

But like I said, Halloween is cool but not the best holiday.

I think Christmas is actually the best. The story behind that could be written here as well, but that would take up too much room. I don't know how it was growing up in other homes, or if your religion does not celebrate it, but in my house (and from what I always remember) it's awesome! In general the holiday and activities to do in December are just fun.

During our campus winter break (Dec. 22-Jan. 22) I plan on making a huge snow fort and creating secret stashes of snow balls all around the house. Then when the snow gets really high, which hopefully it will, I am going to make an underground fort from all the snow that will get shoveled off the driveway. You have to be careful about doing that though, one time it all fell on me and I thought I was going to die but then I crawled out like a Hun from the hit Disney movie, "Mulan."

More things that make Christmas better than Halloween are cookie making/eating, Christmas tree decorating, presents and sledding. Those things are fun to do with family, but the sports of the holiday are very exciting also! Ice-skating is really fun to do with a boyfriend, girlfriend or just friends. Another one is broomball. You have to run on the ice and try not to hit peoples' shins with the sticks. Chasing around a little ball and getting across the rink is tricky, and the whole game just ends up being a big laugh.

letters to the editor

Dear Editor,

As an alumnus, and former SSA Legislative Affairs Director, I felt the need to write a letter to *The Stoutonia* encouraging friends, old classmates, underclassmen, and faculty to seriously consider their vote for Governor Tuesday, November 7. For those with short memories, I would encourage the student body not to support Governor Doyle. In 2003, many Stout students delivered hundreds of petition cards asking the Governor and the Legislature not to raise tuition and cut the University system. The result: the largest cut to the University system, a significant increase in tuition, the raiding of student segregated fees (funds used to maintain the buildings, libraries, computer labs, etc) for financial aid to compensate, and no pay increase for

our faculty but rather for our administration. In 2005, the Doyle budget called for our Independent University Dining service to be consolidated with prison and hospital food programs which would have also prevented the remodeling of the student center and Commons. Fortunately thanks to efforts of 700 students who signed a petition, Doyle withdrew the proposal. However, like the previous budget we got more tuition increases and cuts. Mark Green has promised to reform the University System, increase funding and get it on track to work for us. Voting for Doyle would approve what he did to the University. Use your head and vote responsibly.

-Shawn M. Peter
2006

Dear Editor,

My son is a student at Stout. I want to address him and his fellow students regarding the upcoming vote on the marriage amendment. I am certain that the students at Stout will realize that this is one of worse amendments ever brought forth for a vote by our Government. How can they even JUSTIFY an amendment that DENIES life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness to our citizens?

Our Government is already the laughingstock of the world with all the mistakes made these past few years: starting a war over false information, allowing the national debt to rise higher in the last 6 years than the entire combined debt of all the presidencies before it, and the devastation of Hurricane Katrina showing how the division of the classes still truly exists and that we still are not all created

equal in the U.S. This marriage amendment will be one more reason for the world to laugh at us. The Government sends our precious troops marching into countries that they say do not protect human rights and we actually have amendments on the ballot that strip our own citizens of the human right to LOVE who they want and MARRY who they want.

We, as citizens have got to wake up and see what this amendment is starting.

First they deny us the right to marry who we choose...what is next, the FAMILY amendment? Will only the "perfect" family... mother, father, sister, brother - be allowed to exist? Will grandmothers no longer be allowed to raise their grandchildren if their parents die? Will single people be allowed to adopt? Will divorced families be allowed to blend with widowed families?

Don't you see where this is going? First they want to tell us WHO TO LOVE, next they will be telling us HOW TO LIVE!!!

This amendment is only the beginning. Don't let them amend our precious constitution. one of the most incredible documents ever created - by people who truly believed that we ALL are created equal, and we ALL have the right to live how we want to live, and be free to really pursue happiness. Our founding fathers knew how to build a Government that would be respected.

DON'T LET THIS GOVERNMENT DECIDE WHO YOU CAN LOVE!!!! VOTE NO TO THE MARRIAGE AMENDMENT AND TELL YOUR GOVERNMENT TO MIND THEIR OWN BUSINESS...if they were minding their own business, we wouldn't be the laughingstock of the world.

Sherry Schultz
Burlington, Wis.

Before you vote, take a look

With the election a few days away, *The Stoutonia* believes it is important to examine the candidates and where they stand on the issues. Students will be able to vote on a variety of important issues in these upcoming elections, such as the civil union amendment and the referendums on the death penalty and the cost of health care.

Running for governor are democrat incumbent Jim Doyle and republican Mark Green.

Doyle's goals as governor include conserving water and coal in Wisconsin and utilizing more efficient alternative energy sources such as biofuels. In vein with these goals, he seeks to reduce foreign dependence on oil and reduce gas prices. Doyle also takes a firmer stance on law enforcement and violent criminals and is a very strong supporter of stem-cell research as well, investing \$750 million in grants and state money into it. He also seeks to make healthcare for Wisconsin residents more affordable, and make education more affordable and financial aid more available for college students.

Green, like Doyle, wants to make more healthcare options available for all Wisconsinites. He also seeks to reform our education programs and achieve academic excellence all over Wisconsin. Along with Doyle, Green also strongly stands in support of stem-cell research, and is willing to invest \$25 million dollars over the next four years to keep Wisconsin among the top in that field. Also like the majority of republicans out there, Green seeks to cut taxes for par-

ents and students alike.

Running for lieutenant governor are democrat Barbara Lawton and republican Jean Hundertmark.

Running for the position of attorney general are democrat Kathleen Falk and republican JB Van Hollen.

Falk's agenda of things to improve includes tackling the growing problem concerning methamphetamine use, increasing prevention and intervention of gang-related issues and harsher prosecution concerning child abuse. Falk also claims to fight for safer transfer of personal information over the internet to reduce web and electronic-related identity theft.

Hollen proposes similar goals, such as an immediate plan to prevent homicides and combating other gang/drug-related issues. Hollen hopes to further train the local law enforcement agencies in more electronic forensic technologies. Hollen also seems to take a rather fierce stance on methamphetamine usage and wants to tighten border patrol and punishment for illegal immigrants. Hollen is also in support of the death penalty.

Running for position of secretary of state is democrat incumbent Doug La Follette and republican Sandy Sullivan.

La Follette is an environmentally-friendly democrat who has also written "The Survival Handbook: A Strategy for Saving Planet Earth." La Follette is also a National Board Member of the Sierra Club.

Sullivan says she wants to bring new jobs and economic

development to the state of Wisconsin. She strongly believes in the youth of our generation to move our society forward, and she also claims she is the only candidate running for secretary of state that is "untainted by any political wrongdoing."

Running for state treasurer is democrat Dawn Marie Sass, republican Jack Voight, libertarian Tim Peterson and green party candidate Winston Sephus Jr.

Running for U.S. Senate is democrat Herb Kohl, republican Robert Gerald Lorge and green party candidate Rae Vogeler.

Following is a list of positions for Menomonee local offices, and who is running for them:

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John Murtha (republican)

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Marilyn Hoyt (democrat)

Treasurer

Mary D. Erpenbach (republican)

Sheriff

Dennis Smith (democrat)
Brad Leach (republican)

Clerk of circuit court

Clara Minor (democrat)
Barbara Black (republican)

Register of deeds

James Mrdutt (democrat)

For a list of more information on candidates for the upcoming election, go to http://ssa.uwstout.edu/downloads/Bal-lot_info.htm

Recycling should be easier



Tracy Considine News Editor

Here I sit with an empty plastic bottle in my hand contemplating the future inevitability of its disposal. If my memory serves me correctly, the last disposal of a glass bottle was accompanied by jeering from my office mates nagging me to "just throw it in the trash!"

And I merely shrug and clutch my bottle to my chest as if to protect it, while I sprint from the office only to find I am alone in an empty hallway void of anything resembling a recycling receptacle.

Two lonesome dark hallways and a few minutes later I see that glorious arrowed triangle that says I have reached my destination. I approach it triumphantly only to find...no glass? Can it be true, paper, plastic and even

tin and still no room for my little glass bottle? My heart sinks.

So I trudge a few more hallways of the MSC, and alas when I feel all hope is lost, I find the little trash, a home for my glass bottle.

When I return to the office I hear a lot of blah, blah, blahing about my incessant recycling, but I do not retaliate. I merely say, "He has a home."

Of course recycling is a hassle. I could not hope to recount the number of times my roommates have rolled their eyes at me while I look like a creeper digging through their trash to pull out the bottles. On the up side, they have taken pity on my apparent pathetic endeavor to recycle and have started to save me the trouble of trash diving.

So I guess maybe I am a little crazy for trying to save this green Earth one bottle, can, and scrap of paper at a time. Just be glad I don't dress up as a recycling super hero like Captain Planet or something. Everyone knows they watched that show and liked it. Ahhh, I miss the days when recycling was cool.



Still cool after all these years, and he wasn't joking about reducing, reusing, and recycling.

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1 1	115 1/2 Main Street West	\$320	\$320	\$395	\$395	Close to campus and downtown	3
1 1	1203 1/2 14th Avenue East	\$325	\$325	n/a	n/a	upper duplex, nice size rooms	D
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #2	\$325	\$325	n/a	n/a	great location, includes WSG & heat	A
1 1	400 1/2 Main Street #3	\$330	\$330	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc. storage, close to campus	6
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #5	\$335	\$335	n/a	n/a	Great location, utilities Included Parking	8
1 1	400 1/2 Main Street #4	\$340	\$340	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc. storage, close to campus	6
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #5	\$355	\$355	n/a	n/a	great location, includes WSG & heat, parking	A
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #6	\$360	\$360	n/a	n/a	Great location, util. Incl. Parking	8
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #8	\$360	\$360	n/a	n/a	Great location, util. Incl. Parking	8
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #9	\$365	\$365	n/a	n/a	great location, includes WSG & heat, parking	A
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #4	\$365	\$365	n/a	n/a	great location, includes WSG & heat, parking	A
1 1	1218 1/2 9th Street	\$375	\$375	n/a	n/a	gas heat, upper duplex, great location	D
1 1	1221 7th Street	\$390	\$390	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat, WSG, hot water, very large & nice	4
1 1	1520 7th Street	\$390	\$390	n/a	n/a	close to campus, parking, Washer/dryer	D
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #3	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	great location, includes WSG & heat	A
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #8	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	great location, includes WSG & heat, parking	A
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #3	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	Great location, util. Incl. Parking	8
1 1	421 1/2 13th Avenue West	\$395	\$395	\$500	\$500	super nice, great location, storage	D
1 1	421 Wilson Avenue #3	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat, WSG, hot water, parking	6
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #6	\$410	\$410	n/a	n/a	great location, includes WSG & heat	A
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #1	\$415	\$415	n/a	n/a	Great location, includes WSG & heat, parking	A
1 1	333 1/2 Main Street #1	\$420	\$420	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat, WSG, downtown location	A
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #1	\$475	\$475	n/a	n/a	Great location, util. Incl. Parking	8
2 1	119 West Main Street #2	\$295	\$148	\$365	\$183	Close to campus and downtown	3
2 1	1506 1/2 6th Street	\$330	\$165	\$430	\$215	enclosed front porch, great location	D
2 1	1218 9th Street	\$350	\$175	n/a	n/a	gas heat, lower duplex, great location	D
2 1	921 Main Street #4	\$360	\$180	\$460	\$230	Good location, parking	4
2 1	1203 14th Avenue East	\$375	\$188	n/a	n/a	lower duplex, gas heat	D
2 1	115 Main Street West	\$380	\$190	\$500	\$250	Close to campus and downtown	3
2 1	915 1/2 Main Street	\$395	\$198	\$495	\$248	good location in duplex, w parking	D
2 1	208 1/2 13th Avenue West	\$400	\$200	n/a	n/a	gas heat, next to campus	D
2 1	620 15th Avenue	\$400	\$200	\$600	\$300	upper duplex, very nice close to campus	D
2 1	1415 4th Street West	\$410	\$205	\$510	\$255	gas heat, garage, modern, location	D
2 1	1506 6th Street	\$420	\$210	\$570	\$285	huge bedrooms, enclosed front porch	D
2 1	2121 5th Street #A	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Inc. WSG, washer dryer	4
2 1	2121 5th Street #B	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Inc. WSG, washer dryer	4
2 1	2121 5th Street #C	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Inc. WSG, washer dryer	4
2 1	2121 5th Street #D	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Inc. WSG, washer/dryer	4
2 1	421 13th Avenue West	\$425	\$213	\$550	\$275	gas heat, hardwood floors, storage	D
2 1	414 1/2 12th Avenue West	\$430	\$215	\$540	\$270	large, great location, parking	D
2 1	619 13th Avenue	\$450	\$225	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat WSG hot water, excellent location	4
2 1	1221 1/2 7th Street	\$460	\$230	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat, WSG, hot water, excellent location	4
2 1	619 1/2 13th Avenue	\$480	\$240	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat WSG hot water, excellent location	4
2 1	1502 10th Street	\$500	\$250	\$650	\$325	garage, washer/dryer, great house	H
2 1	620 1/2 9th Avenue	\$500	\$250	\$660	\$330	close to campus, large nice rooms	3
2 1	802 6th Avenue #5	\$525	\$263	n/a	n/a	Includes all utilities parking	6
2 1	802 6th Avenue #6	\$525	\$263	n/a	n/a	Includes all utilities parking	6
2 1	421 Wilson Avenue #1	\$540	\$270	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat, WSG, hot water, parking	6
2 1	421 Wilson Avenue #5	\$540	\$270	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat, WSG, hot water, parking	6
2 1	421 Wilson Avenue #6	\$540	\$270	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat, WSG, hot water, parking	6
3 1	1311 1/2 South Broadway	\$450	\$150	\$535	\$178	next to campus, cute, washer/dryer	D
3 1	119 West Main Street #3	\$525	\$175	\$675	\$225	Close to campus and downtown	3
3 1	1311 South Broadway	\$550	\$183	\$700	\$233	washer/dryer next to campus	D
3 1	1312 6th Street	\$550	\$183	n/a	n/a	close to campus, parking	H
3 1	1415 1/2 4th Street West	\$600	\$200	\$820	\$273	gas heat, garage, great location	D
3 1	208 13th Avenue West.	\$600	\$200	n/a	n/a	Lrg. Rooms, gas heat, parking	D
3 1	1503 7th Street	\$600	\$200	\$800	\$267	Lower duplex,	D
3 1	921 Main Street #3	\$600	\$200	\$765	\$255	Good location, parking, economical	4
3 1	414 12th Avenue West	\$630	\$210	\$820	\$273	very large, garage storage	D
3 1	802 6th Avenue #4	\$675	\$225	n/a	n/a	utilities included, parking	A
3 1.5	414 14th Avenue West	\$700	\$233	\$850	\$283	modern, high eff. Gas heat, washer/dryer, office/den	8
3 1	915 Main Street	\$700	\$233	\$850	\$283	good location in duplex, w parking, office/computer room	D
3 1	147 1/2 Main Street #B	\$780	\$260	n/a	n/a	Inc. Utilities, W/D great location, very large	A
4 1	1606 10th Street	\$550	\$138	\$750	\$188	washer/dryer, new siding	H
4 1	1120 15th Avenue	\$600	\$150	\$750	\$188	washer/dryer excellent shape/lrg rooms	D
4 1	1508 10th Street	\$620	\$155	\$820	\$205	close to Lammers, nice layout	H
4 1	1115 14th Avenue East	\$620	\$155	\$800	\$200	gas heat/garage/large rooms/ W/D hookup	H
4 1	321 13th Avenue West	\$660	\$165	\$880	\$220	Super location, washer/dryer	H
4 1	921 Main Street #1	\$700	\$175	\$870	\$218	good location, economical	4
4 1	309 14th Avenue West	\$750	\$188	\$950	\$238	WD good location, gas heat	H
4 1	1215 10th Street	\$750	\$188	\$870	\$218	W/D gas heat/storage, parking, garage	H
4 2	1319 8th Street	\$800	\$200	\$1,000	\$250	close to campus, large nice rooms	H
4 2	1509 South Broadway	\$800	\$200	n/a	n/a	lrg. House, nice location	H
4 1.5	414 14th Avenue West #1	\$800	\$200	\$950	\$238	modern, high eff. Gas heat, W/D a/c,	8
4 1.5	414 14th Avenue West #2	\$800	\$200	\$950	\$238	modern, high eff. Gas heat, W/D a/c	8
4 1.5	414 14th Avenue West #3	\$800	\$200	\$950	\$238	modern, high eff. Gas heat, W/D a/c	8
4 1.5	414 14th Avenue West #4	\$800	\$200	\$950	\$238	modern, high eff. Gas heat, W/D a/c	8
4 1.5	414 14th Avenue West #5	\$800	\$200	\$950	\$238	modern, high eff. Gas heat, W/D a/c	8
4 1.5	414 14th Avenue West #6	\$800	\$200	\$950	\$238	modern, high eff. Gas heat, W/D a/c	8
4 1.5	414 14th Avenue West #7	\$800	\$200	\$950	\$238	modern, high eff. Gas heat, W/D a/c	8
4 1.5	414 14th Avenue West #8	\$800	\$200	\$950	\$238	modern, high eff. Gas heat, W/D a/c	8
4 1	1216 6th Street	\$820	\$205	\$1,000	\$250	gas heat across from campus	H
4 1	1600 10th Street	\$850	\$213	\$1,050	\$263	great house W/D hook-ups	H
4 2	1620 6th Street	\$850	\$213	\$1,050	\$263	great house, washer/dryer, gas heat	H
4 2	1515 6th Street	\$900	\$225	\$1,195	\$299	spacious, close to campus, washer/dryer	D
4 1	121 1/2 12th Avenue West	\$900	\$225	\$1,125	\$281	large apartment, super location washer/dryer	D
4 1.5	121 12th Avenue West	\$900	\$225	\$1,125	\$281	super location washer/dryer	D
4 2	1114 7th Street	\$950	\$238	\$1,150	\$288	great location, close to campus, garage	H
4 2	1702 6th Street	\$950	\$238	\$1,150	\$288	lots of space, great location, W/D	H
4 2	1415 8th Street East	\$1,000	\$250	\$1,250	\$313	recently upgraded, great location parking W/D	D
4 1	1615 7th St	\$1,000	\$250	\$1,200	\$300	Great location and nice house, washer/dryer, garage	H
4 2	1317 8th Street	\$1,040	\$260	\$1,250	\$313	washer/dryer deck good location	H
4 2	332 1/2 Main Street	\$1,040	\$260	\$1,240	\$310	Huge, washer/dryer, deck, 4 br downtown & parking	A
4 2	1021 8th Street	\$1,100	\$275	\$1,345	\$336	beautiful house w/decks close to campus washer/dryer	H
4 3	147 1/2 Main Street #A	\$1,100	\$275	n/a	n/a	INCLUDES UTILITIES, huge, great location, W/D,	A
5 1	1121 6th Avenue	\$600	\$120	\$860	\$172	washer/dryer gas heat, good sized rooms	H
5 1.5	221 4th Street West	\$700	\$140	\$960	\$192	washer/dryer gas heat, north campus	H
5 1	1320 8th Street	\$820	\$164	\$1,040	\$208	washer/dryer great location	H
5 2	405 20th Avenue East	\$850	\$170	\$1,030	\$206	great house washer/dryer garage, modern	H
5 2	1115 17th Avenue East	\$875	\$175	\$1,085	\$217	very lrg. Rooms W/D hook-up, newly remodeled	H
5 2	1521 8th Street	\$900	\$180	\$1,145	\$229	washer/dryer great location	H
5 2	1403 8th Street	\$900	\$180	\$1,180	\$236	good location, lots of parking, huge rooms	H
5 2	607 13th Avenue East	\$950	\$190	\$1,140	\$228	huge rooms, location, parking washer/dryer	H
5 2	2006 5th Street #A	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,200	\$240	washer/dryer very large, parking	3
5 2	2006 5th Street #B	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,280	\$256	washer/dryer gas heat, new siding, remodeled	3
5 1.5	1107 2nd Street West	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,200	\$240	good layout/close to campus, washer/dryer	H
5 1.5	1115 6th Street	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,180	\$236	washer dryer, updated, right on campus, very desirable	H
5 2.5	1502 7th Street	\$1,050	\$210	\$1,275	\$255	washer/dryer, remodeled	H
5 2.5	902 Main Street	\$1,125	\$225	\$1,350	\$270	great location, washer/dryer, large rooms, fenced yard	H
5 2	1803 7th Street	\$1,150	\$230	\$1,430	\$286	washer/dryer parking, good location, large	D
5 2	203 13th Avenue West	\$1,150	\$230	\$1,370	\$274	washer dryer, great location, house	H
5 2	1208 9th Street	\$1,175	\$235	\$1,400	\$280	Remodeled! 2 car garage, great house close to campus	H
5 2	121 13th Avenue West	\$1,300	\$260	\$1,560	\$312	large, super location. Washer/dryer	D
6 2	1402 8th Street	\$700	\$117	\$900	\$150	washer/dryer gas heat good layout	H
6 2	504 10th Street	\$900	\$150	\$1,180	\$197	W/D hook-ups, gas heat, large rms.	H
6 2	1603 7th Street	\$1,170	\$195	n/a	n/a	washer/dryer new carpet, very nice	H
6 2	1415 1/2 8th Street	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,480	\$247	fabulous newer construction washer/dryer	D
6 2	321 20th Avenue #B	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,445	\$241	new large bedrooms, washer/dryer	4
6 2	321 20th Avenue #C	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,445	\$241	new large bedrooms, washer/dryer	4
6 2	321 20th Avenue #D	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,445	\$241	new large bedrooms, washer/dryer	4
6 2	602 1/2 12th Avenue	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,460	\$243	great location, washer/dryer, very nice, parking	D
6 2	1714 8th Street	\$1,230	\$205	\$1,500	\$250	large deck, gas heat, washer/dryer	H
6 2	115 1/2 17th Avenue West	\$1,260	\$210	\$1,510	\$252	newer unit, great location washer/dryer	D
6 2	115 17th Avenue West	\$1,260	\$210	\$1,510	\$252	house, location, washer/dryer Parking	D
6 2	121 1/2 13th Avenue West	\$1,260	\$210	\$1,540	\$257	large, super location, washer/dryer	D
6 2	408 18th Avenue East	\$1,560	\$260	\$1,800	\$300	washer/dryer, close to campus, great home,	H
7 2	220 12th Avenue West	\$1,190	\$170	\$1,415	\$202	Great location, washer/dryer/fenced yard	H
7 2	1321 2nd Street West	\$1,365	\$195	\$1,525	\$218	large house, 1 blk. from campus washer/dryer	H
7 3	1102 10th Street	\$1,600	\$229	\$1,870	\$267	large house, 2 car garage, parking, nice sized rooms	H
8 3	1421 South Broadway	\$1,840	\$230	\$2,100	\$263	large house, W/D, across from stadium	H

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campus calendar

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Thursday, November 2, 2006

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The Stoutonia

Community

Thursday, Nov. 2

- Graduation ring sales provided by Jostens. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bookstore entrance, MSC
- "Transforming Dimensions: Representing Children's Art in Picture Books." 12 p.m. Harvey Hall Room 150
- Office of International Education presents informational presentation about studying abroad for business, retail, and hospitality in the Netherlands. 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. Glass Lounge, Merle Price Commons
- Informational meeting on the food drive to help the Interfaith Food Pantry. 5 p.m. Badger Room, MSC
- Stout technology trainings on Dreamweaver I. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Maplewood Room, MSC

Friday, Nov. 3

- Fall 2006 Faculty Development. 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. Northwoods Room, MSC

Saturday, Nov. 4

- First LEGO League Tournament, Nano Quest. Great Hall and Ballrooms, MSC

Monday, Nov. 6

- International Week event: "Study Abroad 101" followed by panel discussion by recent study abroad participants. 6 p.m. Huff's, MSC

Tuesday, Nov. 7

- Election Day. Register in person at the City Clerks Office by Nov. 6, 5 p.m.
- Reception for Doug Mell, new university communications director. 10 to 11 a.m. 2nd Floor Atrium, Millennium Hall
- University priority listening session, faculty senate. 2:30 p.m. Great Hall D, MSC
- University priority listening session, senate of academic staff. 3:30 p.m. Great Hall A, MSC

Wednesday, Nov. 8

- University priority listening session, open session 5. 8:30 a.m. Room 205, Millennium Hall
- Human Resources Office talks about academic staff issues. 12:20 to 1 p.m. Cedar/Maple/Oakwoods Rooms, MSC
- Portfolio information workshop. 4:40 to 5:30 p.m. Career Services
- International Week event: presentation on Nepal. 6 p.m. Huff's, MSC

Thursday, Nov. 9

- International Week event: Kathy Callahan and Abel Ad-ekola's Fulbright experiences in China and Lithuania. 1:30 p.m. Pioneer Room, MSC

Entertainment

Thursday, Nov. 2

- GreenSense presents movie: "Earth to America." 6 to 7:30 p.m. State Cinema, Downtown Menomonie
- Blue Devil Productions pres-

ents music event: The Dog and Everything with The Drive Back. 8 p.m. Free with Stout ID, \$1 public. Huff's, MSC

Friday, Nov. 3

- PONG Simply Console Event. \$3 at the door, \$1 if pre-registered. 5 to 11 p.m. Huff's, MSC
- Street Level Ministries presents: Mike Blair Project. A free live concert. 7 p.m. The Blind Munchies Coffeehouse, 621 Wilson Ave., Menomonie

Saturday, Nov. 4

- Blue Devil Productions presents movie: "Good Night and

Good Luck." 7 p.m. Room 210, Applied Arts

Tuesday, Nov. 6

- International Week movie: "Flavors." 6 p.m. Ballroom B, MSC

Wednesday, Nov. 8

- GreenSense presents movie: "Homeland: Four Portraits of Native Action." 6 to 7:30 p.m. State Cinema, Downtown Menomonie
- "Picasso at the Lapin Agile." Tickets: \$10. 7:30 p.m. Harvey Hall Theatre

Thursday, Nov. 9

- GreenSense presents movie: "Homeland: Four Portraits of Native Action." 6 to 7:30 p.m. State Cinema, Downtown Menomonie
- "Picasso at the Lapin Agile." Tickets: \$10. 7:30 p.m. Harvey Hall Theatre

Athletics

Friday, Nov. 3

- Men's Basketball @ UW-Madison. 7 p.m.
- Hockey @ St. Olaf. 7 p.m.
- Soccer WIAC Semi-Final

Volleyball WIAC Semi-Finals

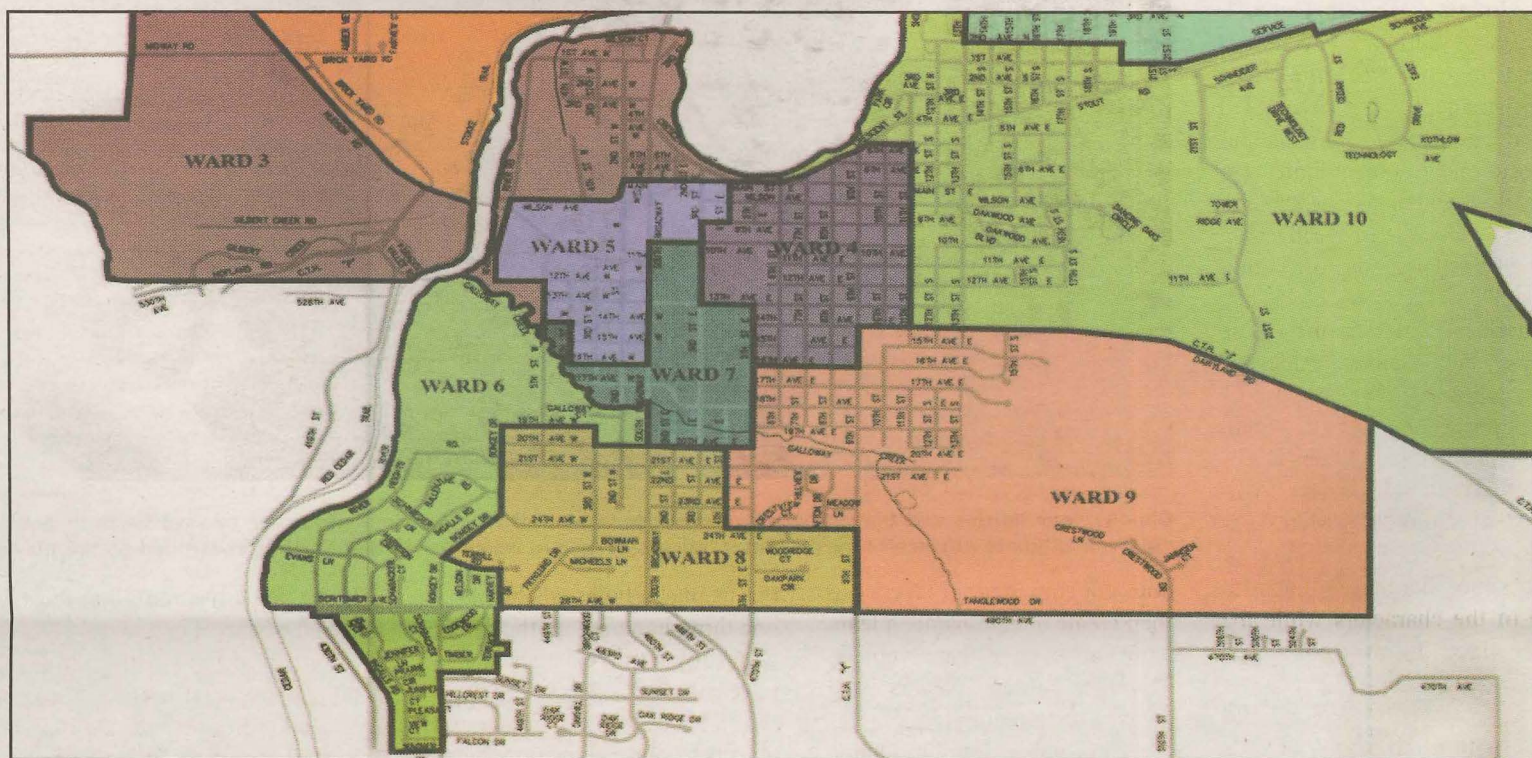
Saturday, Nov. 4

- Football @ UW-Whitewater. 1 p.m.
- Hockey vs. Gustavus Adolphus. 7:30 p.m.
- Soccer WIAC Championship
- Volleyball WIAC Championship

Wednesday, Nov. 8

- Volleyball NCAA DIII First Round

Know where to vote on November 7?



Ward Numbers and Voting Locations

- Ward 2 - Shops off Broadway, 1501 North Broadway
- Ward 3 - Dunn County Government Center, (Basement) 800 Wilson Ave
- Ward 4 - Dunn County Government Center, (Basement) 800 Wilson Ave
- Ward 5 - UW-Stout Price Commons, (Glass Lounge) 1110 S. Broadway
- Ward 6 - National Guard Armory, 315 28th Avenue West
- Ward 7 - UW-Stout Price Commons, (Glass Lounge) 1110 S. Broadway
- Ward 8 - Leisure Services Center, 1412 6th Street
- Ward 9 - Leisure Services Center, 1412 6th Street
- Ward 10 - Chippewa Valley Technical College, 403 Technology Dr. E.

Not pictured:

- Ward 1 - Shops off Broadway, 1501 North Broadway
- Ward 11 - Chippewa Valley Technical College, 403 Technology Dr. E.

Results for SSA Senate Election 2006

In the College of Arts and Sciences:

- Andrea Race
- Andrew Meilke
- Andrew Barrette
- Caleb Summers

In the College of Human Development:

- Joshua Fox
- Mai Pang Lee

In the College of Technology, Engineering, and Management:

- Addison Vang
- Carlo Ricciardi
- Nathan Thomas

In the School of Education:

- Chad Johnson
- Jennifer Ragan

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1109 3rd St. W.	5 Bdrms, 2 Bath, Full Bsmt, Walk to Campus
1703-A 6th St. E.	5 Bdrms, 2 Bath, Full Bsmt, Lrg. Lving. Rm.
2109 11th Ave.	4 Bdrms, 2 Bath, Dbl. Grag, A/C, W/D, New
317 13th Ave.	4 Bdrms, 1 Bath, Walk to Campus, House
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416 18th Ave.	4 Bdrms, 2 Bath, Walk to Campus, W/D, House
1209 8th St. E.	4 Bdrms, 1 Bath, Walk to Campus, W/D, Lower
1209 1/2 8th St. E.	3 Bdrms, 1 Bath, Walk to Campus, Upper
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Gamers and comic book nerds rejoice!



Chris Moellering
Entertainment Writer

Sometimes when taking on a legion of super villains, it takes more than just one super hero to get the job done. That's exactly what video game creators at Activision must have thought when they decided to make "Marvel: Ultimate Alliance."

Hitting stores on Oct. 24, "Marvel: Ultimate Alliance" brings together the largest cast of characters ever assembled in one video game: 140 super heroes and super villains are brought together on one stage to battle for the fate of Earth.

Players will start off with a cast of 20 characters including, Spider-Man, Wolverine, The Thing, and Captain America. They will face off against notorious super villains like Dr. Doom, Galactus and many others.

"Marvel: Ultimate Alliance" plays like "X-Men Legends." Players have a team of four super heroes and control one of the characters while the other three follow along and fight when necessary.

It may sound like an old game with a new story, but it's not. "Marvel: Ultimate Alliance" gives players much more customizable control. Players pick their four-person dream team from the roster of 20 super heroes. The customizing



Source: <http://www.marvelultimatealliance.com>

Choose your heroes and battle the ultimate super villains of Marvel comics in order to save Earth in Activision's ever-evolving video game. "Marvel: Ultimate Alliance" offers an interesting storyline in which the fate of Earth is controlled by the player.

does not stop there. Players can then create a team name, a team icon and even a team vehicle. Through battles, players will create a team reputation.

The game comes loaded with combat. Players can now battle with super villains in ways like never before, fighting in the air, on the ground and even underwater. Players will get to act out legendary comic book bat-

tles against villains who all have one thing in common: the desire to destroy Earth. Characters also have chargeable super hero powers and access to environmental objects to cause even more damage in their fight against evil.

The story line of this game is one of the more interesting aspects. It is actually player-controlled. Not only are players controlling the fate of Earth,

they are actually controlling the fate of the Marvel universe.

Players' actions will control what happens later in the game. By fighting different battles and making different choices, the direction of the game can change. The evolving game will certainly keep players on the edge of their seat, waiting to see what happens next.

"Marvel: Ultimate Alli-

ance" has online and offline story modes. For online play, there is a competitive mode that affects players' experience points and how equipment is distributed. Competitive mode also allows players to see how they match up to others around the globe as they help the Marvel legends in their quest to rid the world of evil.

Have a "good night" with BDP movie night

A story of journalistic integrity in the face of McCarthyism



Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

Blue Devil Productions will host another movie night Saturday. This week's showing is George Clooney's "Good Night, and Good Luck," which will be at 7 p.m. in Applied Arts 210.

The movie, filmed in black and white, is set in the 1950s when the nation was suffering of paranoia from the threat of communism. Wisconsin senator Joseph McCarthy exploited the nation's fears and CBS reporter Edward Murrow, played by David Strathairn, challenged McCarthy and set to expose the senator as a fear monger.

Murrow, with an ambitious team of reporters and his producer Fred Friendly, played by George Clooney, develops a

hard-hitting news lead about the senator via the first news magazine program in the history of TV, "See It Now."

The story of Murrow's victorious confrontation of the communist-sympathizing senator reveals the national sentiment of the time period.

Senator McCarthy instigated in Americans a feeling of mistrust for anyone who might think differently, and Murrow perceived this as an attack on what makes America great.

"We cannot defend freedom abroad by deserting it at home," Murrow said.

Some of Murrow's famous quotes, which reveal his desire and beliefs about the American mindset, are included in the film. Murrow delivered extensive quotes in rebuttal to Senator McCarthy on the news documentary show "See It Now," and always ended with his signature sign-off, "Good night, and good luck."

The movie is Clooney's second effort as a director, and

it is his tribute to the '50s black-and-white drama era.

Clooney has also directed "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind," which was released in 2002 and was adapted from the book by the same title. Clooney directed the 2005 television series "Unscripted," about three young actors trying to make it big in Hollywood.

The star-studded cast delivers prime performances of their real-life characters.

Along with Clooney and Strathairn, the film features Jeff Daniels as Sig Mickelson. Mickelson was one of the first reporters for "See It Now," and his words open "Good Night, and Good Luck" with an introduction to Murrow's legendary journalistic career: "He threw stones at giants."



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Open Mic showcases local talent



Jenna Wojan/Stoutonia

Last Thursday's Open Mic night on campus brought local and not-so-local artists to the stage. Two entrants laid some solid beats with turntables despite meeting only moments prior to their performance.



Jenna Wojan
Entertainment Writer

Thursday, Oct. 26 marked the second Open Mic event sponsored by Blue Devil Productions in the Rec Center at 8 p.m.

Andrew Bailey, a performer visiting from Milwaukee, played a spur-of-the-moment harmonica/acoustic act. Bailey's performance sounded like a cross between Neutral Milk Hotel, Ben Jelen and Neil

Young, and included Bob Dylan and Johnny Cash covers.

Two other performers who spun turntables were Chris Zeck, a freshman hotel and tourism major, and first-year British exchange student Tony Holland. The two met ten minutes before the performance, and though they were a little shaky and unprepared, the audience didn't mind. The duo laid down some vinyl and incorporated a strange mixture of "South Park" quotes and hip-hop beats.

Holland listens to music with dance-worthy beats such as electronic and techno and has been a disk jockey in numerous London dance clubs. When asked if he had visited any American clubs he said, "I didn't even know they existed!"

Zeck has been practicing his DJ skills since middle school and has spun at numerous social gatherings, even traveling back to his hometown of Madison, Wis. to provide musical entertainment for his high school.

Second-time live performer Jon Daniels, a sophomore in multimedia design, approached

the stage with more confidence as he played his guitar in front of the crowd perched on the Rec Center's couches. Daniels became interested in music with electronic sounds and played around with computer music programs such as Microsoft Sound.

"I learned more about music that way, and it just progressed from there," said Daniels. He picked up a guitar about a year ago and taught himself a few chords with help from his musically-inclined mother. Daniels smiled and said, "I was not as nervous this time around."

The last performer of the night was sophomore Josh Sondelski. The graphic design major borrowed Daniels' guitar and introduced his sound by asking the crowd, "Do you guys like 'emo'?" He strummed out an emotional acoustic guitar version of Nirvana's "My Girl." It was his first time performing on stage, but he is part of a band named Corderag.

The next Open Mic night will be held Thursday, Nov. 30 at 8 p.m. in the Rec Center.

Work? Why even bother?

Satirical book promotes laziness

Chris Moellering
Entertainment Writer

For many students, graduation is slowly creeping up, and real life, with a real job and real responsibility, is right around the corner. When it comes down to it, the number-one function of college is to prepare students for their career while teaching the value of hard work. But what if hard work doesn't pay?

Corinne Maier argues against hard work in her international bestseller "Bonjour Laziness: Why Hard Work Doesn't Pay." In her book, Maier advocates a philosophy of active disengagement and idleness. She wants her readers to take advantage of their companies, because for so long the companies have been taking advantage of them.

Maier outlines the Ten Commandments that are imposed on the middle manager, which include, "work is a gift, your job a privilege," "you're company expects a lot, but owes you nothing," "accept without question," and of course "don't think too much about what you're doing."

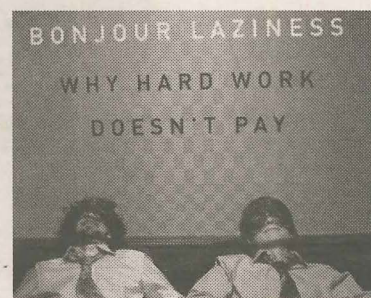
To counteract these corporate guidelines, Maier proposes her own Ten Commandments, which include "what you do is ultimately pointless," "never accept a position of responsibility," "seek out the most useless position" and "the wage earner is the modern-day slave."

Maier makes some valid points in "Bonjour Laziness." Surely, anyone who has had any type of job can relate to Maier's frustrations at work: being talked down to and working with brownnosers, loafers and pests. Dealing with the everyday workplace routine can drive anybody insane.

Some of what Maier writes in her book is true and some of it is funny, but for the most part it proves why the United States is the richest and most powerful country in the world.

Maier takes a great idea and weakens it with her political agenda. This book turns from a humorous and cynical take on big business into what some would call an anti-corporate and almost-Marxist manifesto.

Maier paints corporations and the free market system as evil. While she tries to be funny, her hidden agenda gets clearer and it becomes downright scary. She constantly compares big businesses to communism and Nazism. Her ideas are more comparable to communism than big businesses will ever be.



It's not uncommon for businesses to be painted as hypocritical bureaucracies who exploit their workers in order to in-

crease profits, so Maier can be pardoned for doing the same. However, she shouldn't be excused for promoting laziness.

By promoting laziness, Maier is promoting mediocrity, which is the cornerstone of weak economies. Why is the United States the wealthiest and most powerful country in the world? Simple, its society promotes hard work and overachieving.

Maier wants workers to actively disengage. She wants them to seek out the most useless positions and stay there, while avoiding change. In her commandments, she tells workers to "never accept a position of responsibility."

How does Maier justify the fact that she's telling people not to better themselves? Well, her first commandment says, "Work is not the place for self-fulfillment." We live in a world where making a lot of money is the ultimate self-fulfillment. And how do we make money? Work.

Maier, while a lot of us would love to live in your utopia where work is nonessential, the fact remains that every time a society tried to do away with work, it failed. Remember the Soviet Union? Me neither.

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Another game system to waste your life on—The Wii!

Mitchell Lewis
Entertainment Writer

The Xbox 360, the PS3, and the Nintendo Wii: the three consoles of next-generation gamers. While the Xbox 360 and PS3 have been given the majority of the hype, Nintendo's Wii offers fresh features unique to the console and provides gamers with new game play.

All jokes about the name aside, the Wii (pronounced "wee") is an affordable system when compared to the Xbox 360 at \$300 and PS3 at \$400. Selling at a more comfortable \$250, the Wii will offer gamers a unique gaming experience with the innovative Wii remote.

Instead of the classic joystick and buttons gamers are accustomed to using, the Wii remote allows players to completely control the movements of their characters through the movement of their own arms.

For games such as first-person shooters, the controller will work similarly to the gun in Nintendo's original system, which was utilized in the popular game "Duck Hunt." The joystick attachment will be used for basic movement.

In sports games such as baseball, tennis, or even fishing, the Wii remote will func-



Source: <http://www.zelda.com>

Nintendo's Wii gives gamers the chance to play new sequels to old games such as "The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess" using a unique new controller.

tion as the main tool, such as a bat, racket or fishing pole.

In an interview with Nintendo executives, Kou Shioti, the man in charge of the Wii's technological developments said, "Nintendo is always trying to do something new and different. Going against the norm [gave birth] to the Wii."

Don't think that because

Nintendo invested all their time and effort into developing the new controller concept, that they neglected things such as graphics and online gameplay.

While the Wii's graphics were less than satisfactory at E3's June 2006 gaming conference, John Swimmer, senior public relations manager of consumer products at ATI said, "I

think what you saw [on the Wii] was just the tip of the iceberg." Nintendo has been working very closely with ATI since then to develop their graphics hardware. ATI has worked with big-game companies such as Ubi-Soft, Lucasarts and BioWare Corp since 1996 and is bound to bring a great amount of valuable experience to Nintendo's developmen-

tal team. The Wii will sport the new WiiConnect24, a system that will stay connected to the internet even when the Wii is not on, and will download new content so players don't need to spend their time getting updates when they could be playing. The WiiConnect24 doesn't require a hardline, either.

Although it does have a LAN adapter, the Wii can also connect wirelessly. Currently internet play will only be available with games created exclusively through Nintendo, but they're expecting to allow third-party online gaming by 2007.

A big question concerning many Nintendo fans is whether or not the Wii will allow the use of Gamecube discs, as Nintendo has failed to allow backward compatibility for all of their earlier systems. The answer: yes. The Wii will allow the use of their new 12 cm discs along with the Gamecube's 8 cm discs.

With the Wii's release date of Nov. 19 coming up fast, it's a revolutionary system worth looking into.

Look forward to playing new sequels to old games, such as "Metroid Prime 3: Corruption," "Super Mario Galaxy" and "The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess," in conjunction with the system's release.

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Bye bye, Bob Barker



Bob Barker, the famous host of the nationally-celebrated game show "The Price is Right," announced this week that, after June of 2007, he will no longer be inviting ecstatic contestants to "come on down."

That's right. The beloved Bob Barker is retiring.

Barker has been in television for 50 years, 35 of which he dedicated to "The Price is Right." Barker will be 83 in December and said that he wants to retire while he is "still young." The television personality has been considering retiring for almost a decade but hasn't been able to leave because of his loyalty to the show.

"I've thoroughly enjoyed [working on the show] and I'm going to miss it" said Barker.

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Third installment of "Saw" continues awful, awful franchise



**Jerome Butchee &
Kyle Kingston**

Film Critics

Jigsaw is at it again in the third installment of the gruesome "Saw" series. The psychotic serial killer has disappeared, and with the help of his apprentice Amanda, the bed-ridden puppet master kidnaps a doctor and is forced to sustain his life long enough to see Jeff, another one of his victims, complete the game—or die in it.

KK: So you wake up hanging from the ceiling and something that looks like a leather belt is strapped around your body and neck, attached to several chains hanging from the ceiling.

"Not again," you think to yourself.

Upon further examination of your harness, you find that a device has been placed on your chest, hooked into your ribcage by needles (yeah, ouch). Hanging next to you is a jar of acid, which a key has been dropped into. A videotape kicks on, and a creepy puppet informs you that you have one minute to retrieve the key from the jar and unlock your restraints before the key is dissolved by the acid. And what happens when time runs out? Why, the devices embedded in your torso are ripped back in opposite directions of course, completely removing both sides of your ribcage and exposing your internal organs to daylight.



Source: <http://www.saw3.com>

So you're just hanging around, relaxing, letting it all hang loose. Where's the harm? ...Hey, what are these things hooked into your ribcage? Oh crap—that can't be anything good, can it?

MacGyver so would have gotten out of that trap, probably with just a rubber band and a few paper clips. The protagonists (guinea pigs?) of the "Saw" franchise are not so adept.

JB: Aside from the inevitable twist ending, "Saw 3" actually creates an atmosphere that puts you asleep in the middle of movie and then wakes you up towards the end. By doing this, "Saw 3" takes the horror genre to a new level by actually making you want all the characters to die so the story can just progress.

KK: "Saw 3" is more an exercise in armchair sadism than a

coherent movie with characters you actually care about. With no characters deserving sympathy, "Saw 3" has to resort to gross-outs, cheap startle tactics and whatever novelty it can conjure. Scary? Not quite.

But to the film's credit, at least it puts forth a token effort of characterization. Tobin Bell's portrayal of Jigsaw, the terminally ill master of ceremonies, comes close to being charismatic. When all is said and done, though, Jigsaw has no more reason to be tormenting his victims than, say, Jason Voorhies. He just pontificates more.

The pontificating carries most of the weight of the story, trying to develop a theme about forgiveness and the futility of vengeance. Jigsaw always maintains that he isn't really a mur-

derer and that he's really trying to make his "patients" learn the true value of their lives. "Saw 3" makes an effort to examine the validity of Jigsaw's claims and the effectiveness of his methods, and with Bell's performance, his position almost becomes sympathetic. Almost.

JB: Fans of the "Saw" movies will be most disappointed in the tendency of "Saw 3" to overindulge in flashbacks. If you watched "Saw" or "Saw 2," these flashbacks are wastes of time and insult your intelligence.

The screenwriters, afraid of subtlety, hit you over the head with anything they can think of to explain what's going on. Scenes that could have stood by themselves are re-examined and re-explained ad

nauseam to fill in whatever plot hole rears its ugly head.

KK: The flashbacks are also irritating for those who didn't see either of the previous films. The flashbacks seem to want to flesh out the characters, particularly Jigsaw and his twisted disciple, Amanda, but everything you need to know about them, and it really isn't all that much, can be learned by staying in the present. Besides, cutting the flashbacks would have gotten us to the end credits that much sooner, which would have been nice.

JB: With the characters playing the largest role in this entire ordeal, it is strange to see how none of them change over the course of the film. They all fit nicely into the story like puzzle pieces but never actually grow or change into something that is more than two-dimensional. This makes Jigsaw's teaching of changing one's ways become even more flat and more annoying than his preaching in the last two movies. This makes you wonder if all the "bad" people in the world are in fact the same and need to be punished like children.

KK: Maybe "Saw 3" aspires to be something better than it is with its attempt at themes of forgiveness and personal responsibility, but it remains shallow and uninspired. Instead of summarizing, I want to make another reference to popular television. I want to see Hugh Laurie as House engage Jigsaw in a debate of semantics. If that happens, I'll see "Saw 4."

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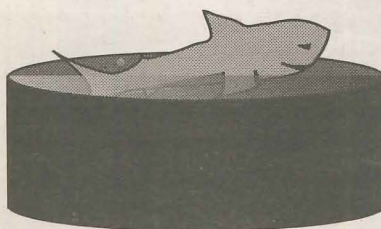
JB: "Saw" fans will not be disappointed, but overall horror fans will be bored throughout.

KK: Dull, bloody and pointless. Blow the money on something else.

Too Many Jokes

by Drew Retherford

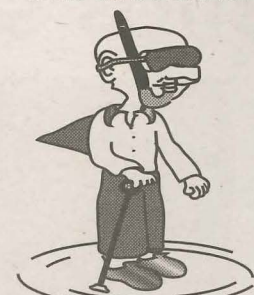
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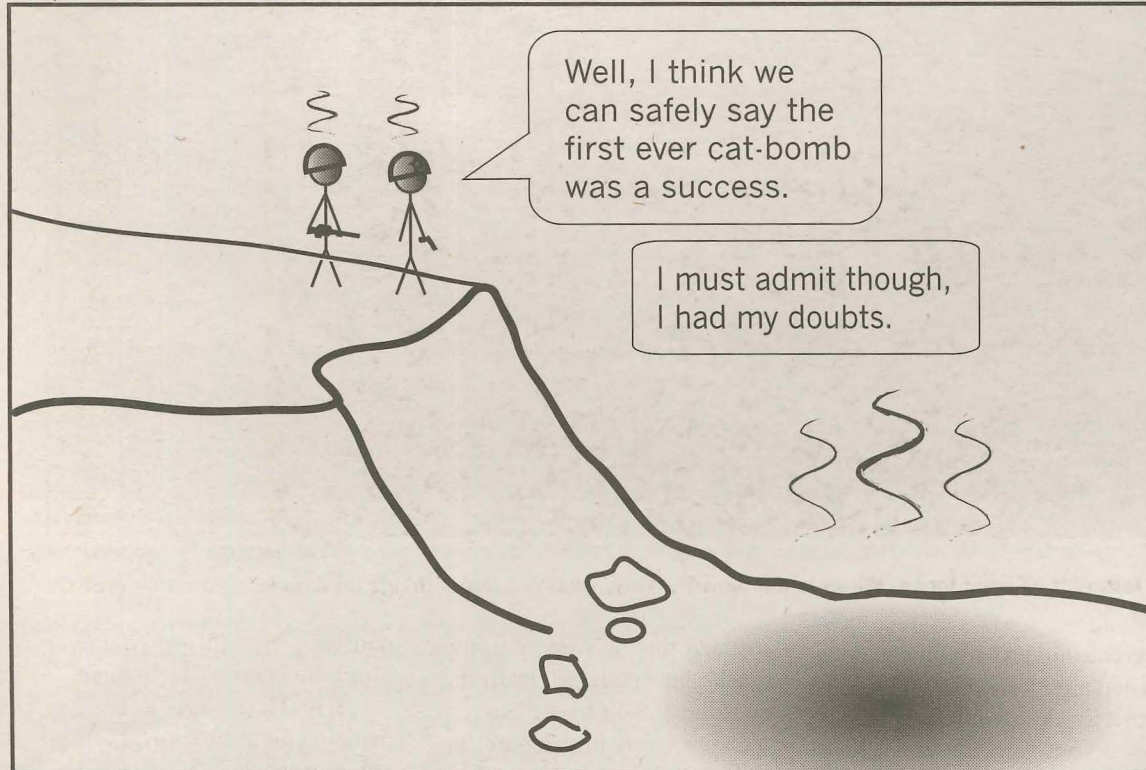


Orca whales shouldn't scare sharks like me, but then darn orcas can explode us sharks. Yep, explode. Sharks. I know. It's not easy bein on top of the food chain, when whales are always tryin to explode you.

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Soccer ends season with first-round loss

By Joshua E. Fox
Sports Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout Blue Devils opened the WIAC Tournament against the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Titans on Tuesday night in Oshkosh.

The 5-10 Blue Devils were led by first-year coach Meagan Frank. She laid the ground work this year and expects to make the soccer team a force to be reckoned with over the next few years.

Frank praised each of the players for stepping up and performing well this year.

Michelle Lizotte, a junior in vocational rehabilitation, improved by learning to play a new position this year. Katelynn Rindahl, a senior in human development and family studies, showed a lot of leadership on and off the field. Shannon Hermes, a senior in early childhood education, and Carli Rindt, a senior in apparel design, were big-game players. Allison Smith, a senior in business administration, put a lot of hard work in on the field as did all of the players.

"We had success overall, given the challenges we faced," said Frank. "The challenges started early this year



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Soccer ended their season with a 6-1 loss to UW-Oshkosh. The team is still adjusting to their new first-year coach, Meagan Frank, and they consider the season a success.

with a big injury the first half of the first game. Given the hardships faced this year, we have an up-and-coming group and the next few seasons should prove to be exciting."

"I feel the season was a success," said Laura Howard, a soph-

omore in interior design. "We all had fun and even though the scores don't always show it, we grew and became a much stronger team. Next year I hope the team comes into the season ready to go and we don't have to waste much time with conditioning."

Frank has already been busy recruiting new talent for next year and is also working with the players who will be returning to the team. Frank plans to continue the ground work she's laid here as a first-year Blue Devil coach and build on that over

the next couple of years. She also said that there will be a few team scrimmages in the spring. The Blue Devils will also host an indoor soccer tournament at UW-Stout in February.

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Club hockey to open season in new league

By Josh Parshley
Sports Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's club hockey team is entering a new year and has been going through some drastic changes. The biggest of all being entering a new league.

The team has a total of 12 players returning this season. They have been practicing on and off the ice during the off-season. The off-ice training started mid-September, where the team did some conditioning running. Once October began, the team hit the ice. There the team did skating drills and more conditioning.

The UW-Stout team is entering into a new era, competing against tougher competition.

"The team is now part of the ACHA, the American Collegiate Hockey Association," said the president of the club team, junior Lindsay Anttila, a retail merchandising and management major. She also said that this is the first year the team has a chance to compete at nationals. The team will be facing Division II teams such as the University of Minnesota-Duluth, St. Scholastica, Iowa State and Rainy River Community College.

With the team entering a new league, they are now able to compete at nationals, which has changed their demeanor to a more serious one. Focusing more on the game is their main priority.

This is coach Jon Cooley's first year coaching at this level. Cooley played hockey in high school, and he coached Menomonie Youth Bantam leagues as well.

"The team is getting into shape, getting ready for the season," said Cooley. He said the team has a lot of potential, but there is still a lot of hard work that needs to be done.

Another goal for this season is to have fun. This is like a second chance for them to play, and they want to make the best of it.

"The team has that special bond," said Anttila. "We want to make this season memorable. These will be some of our best memories." She also said that friendships between teammates are life-long.

Another goal this year is to try and make it to nationals. Since this is the first year the team is able to compete for nationals, they will be trying their hardest.

"First, we need to get a win," said Cooley. He said that once they get started, the team will build its confidence. As that confidence grows, they will win more games. Also, he sees the chance to go to nationals as a great opportunity for the girls.

The team has their first game this weekend, and their skill will be thoroughly tested.



The women's hockey club starts their season this Saturday entering a new league against tougher competition. They also have a new coach to start off the season. The club is getting into shape for the home game against Iowa State at the Dunn County Recreation Center.

Lindsay Linder/hockey photographer

The team will learn how well they work together, and the game will also test their endurance. Their goal for this game is

to out-skate their opponent and come out with a win. They also just want to have fun and make it enjoyable for the fans.

The game is scheduled for 3 p.m. at the Dunn County Recreational Center. UW-Stout will be facing off against Iowa State.

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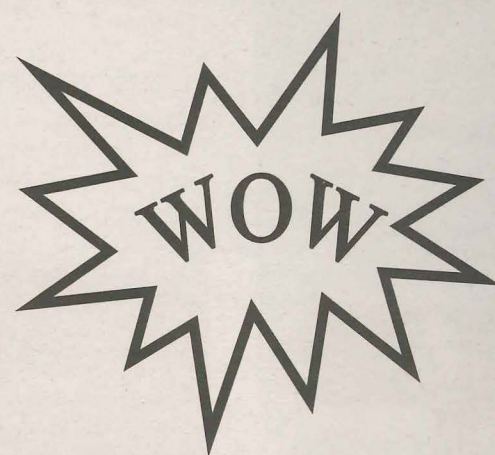
THE FACTS: Women's cross country: Junior Bridget Crozier hailing from Winona, Minn. is the UW-Stout athlete of the week.

Crozier placed 24th with a time of 23 minutes in the six km run at the 2006 WIAC Championships.

Crozier missed WIAC all-conference honors by four places as the top 20 are given the honors.



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Football gets shut down by nationally-ranked UW-La Crosse for their second consecutive loss

Next game:

Sat., Nov. 4, at UW-Whitewater



Basketball opens against Badgers



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The men's basketball team starts their season against ninth-ranked UW-Madison on Fri., Nov. 3 at Madison. The team is gaining 16 new players with only five players returning from last year's team.



Casey Nold
Sports Editor

The University of Wisconsin-Stout men's basketball team starts the season against ninth-ranked University of Wisconsin-Madison in an exhibition game on Fri., Nov. 3 at Madison.

With only five returning players from last year's team, many positions were filled with incoming freshmen who, along with three returnees, have no

experience playing on the Blue Devil's team.

"There are only two guys in the group of five with any experience," said coach Edward Andrist. "We have no margin of error, most teams have some and can get by with mistakes, but we simply cannot."

Players have been training hard in the off-season by weight lifting and practicing. The team has other tactics to prepare themselves for competing against the Badgers and for the rest of the season.

"We have been watching film on the Badgers as well as film on ourselves so we can learn from our mistakes," said sophomore guard Jason Theis,

a business administration major. "We started conditioning in the fall right when school started to get in shape."

Jacob and John Nonemacher are coming in on their last year as captains and are two of five players that are going to have to lead 16 new recruits to compete with the season the team had last year.

"Jacob and John have both worked hard in the off-season," said Andrist. "This is their last shot so we have high expectations. Jake will be a target all year for opposing defenses."

Andrist has senior Jason Clopton at starting point guard with Jeremiah Randle as immediate backup. The BIG's

positions will be filled by the Nonemacher's and junior Marco Gotta. Freshmen will not be ready, but they will be trained for next year.

Having held three intersquad scrimmages, the team is at 3-0. It will be difficult for the team to compensate for the players lost last year and to train the new players gained this year.

"This will be a great challenge for our young men and the coaching staff to grind it out one practice at a time," said Andrist. "I can't remember in my career, ever losing 11 players, four starters and three all conference players in the same season; it is a new experience for me."

QUOTE

"This foreign policy stuff is a little frustrating."

-George W. Bush

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How do your votes compare?

The outcomes of this election would have been quite different if only the voters from the UW-Stout area had their say. The following show the votes from Dunn County's wards 3 and 4 (voting at the Dunn County Government Center) and wards 5 and 7 (voting at Price Commons).

	Statewide	Stout
Governor		
James Doyle	53%	57%
Mark Green	45%	37%
Attorney General		
Kathleen Falk	49.8%	64%
J.B. Van Hollen	50.2%	36%
Rep. to Assembly District 29		
Kerry Kittel	45%	62%
John Murtha	55%	38%
Civil Unions Ban		
Yes	59%	35%
No	41%	65%
Death Penalty		
Yes	56%	48%
No	44%	52%

Data from Wisconsin State Election Board

Nov. 7 state election results

Doyle re-elected, death penalty referendum enacted, civil unions ban passed

Voters in Tuesday's election decided that Democrat Jim Doyle should remain as Wisconsin's governor, defeating Republican challenger Mark Green by an 8 percent margin.

Republican J.B. Van Hollen won the race against Democrat Kathleen Falk for attorney general by only a handful of votes. Van Hollen received only about 9,000 more votes than Falk out of the more than two million votes cast.

Democrat Dawn Sass narrowly defeated Republican Jack Voight for state treasurer, with less than half of a percentage point difference between

the candidates. Meanwhile, U.S. Sen. Herb Kohl won easily with 67 percent of the vote against three challengers.

U.S. Rep. Ron Kind, a Democrat, beat challenger Republican Paul R. Nelson. Kind got 65 percent of the vote to Nelson's 35 percent.

Republican John Murtha will represent the citizens of Wisconsin's 29th assembly district, which includes Menomonie. Murtha beat Democrat Kerry Kittel in this open race with 55 percent of the votes.

Dunn County Sheriff Dennis Smith will be serving four more years after defeating Re-

publican challenger Brad Leach by 28 percentage points.

As far as the statewide referendum, 59 percent of Wisconsin voters said that they would like to see a constitutional amendment recognizing marriage only as between a man and a woman. This will ban legal status for relationships similar to marriage, such as gay couples or civil unions.

Fifty-six percent of statewide voters said "yes" to an advisory referendum to support the death penalty in Wisconsin if a first-degree intentional homicide conviction is upheld by DNA evidence.

For the record, UW-Stout's overall stance...

The outcomes of this election would have been quite different if the votes from the University of Wisconsin-Stout area were the only ones that mattered.

The official view that the Senate of Academic Staff at The University of Wisconsin-

Stout held on the civil unions amendment was that it would further intolerance and have significant far-reaching societal consequences, putting into question the legality of domestic partner benefits. Overall, the amendment would be inconsistent with the University

of Wisconsin-Stout's values and commitment to providing a broad contemporary education to its students.

Interestingly, UW-Stout's voting results were consistent with the Senate of Academic Staff's view on the amendment, as shown in the graph (left).

Former provost mourned

Bob Sedlak, a former provost and teacher of the University of Wisconsin-Stout, passed away Tuesday after a short battle with cancer.

Sedlak served the University of Wisconsin-Stout well for 23 years, both in the classroom and in administration. He loved UW-Stout and higher education. He will be missed dearly.

His accomplishments were myriad, but he should be remembered for the key role he played in the establishment of the School of Education. The school is very successful because of his vision and leadership.

Sedlak also was extremely active in the community and had a special love for the Boy Scouts. He was a devoted Blue

Devils fan.

He loved to work in his flower gardens at home and often brought in beautiful flower bouquets from his garden.

"Bob had an intense interest in improving the learning environment for students," said Bob Meyer, dean of the College of Technology, Engineering and Management. "He was totally dedicated to that. We describe Stout as a 'student-centered' university, and Bob exemplified that

"He was passionate about students' learning."

—John Wesolek,
Dean of the College of Human Development

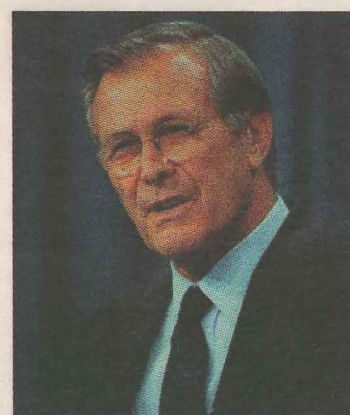
in a most positive way."

"He served the School of Education in many ways, most importantly as a model of leadership that emphasizes personal responsibility, interdependence, collaboration, trust, foresight, listening and putting the needs

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Sec. Defense Rumsfeld steps down

Washington mainstay a casualty of mid-term elections



Donald Rumsfeld

By Katie Kenner
Entertainment Writer

Donald Rumsfeld's resignation as defense secretary went into effect Wednesday, Nov. 8.

Rumsfeld, 74, appointed in 2001, is the oldest defense secretary in history and the only to have served two terms (his previous term served under President Ford).

Even though two days before mid-term elections, President Bush stated that Rumsfeld would stay until the end of the administration's term, many military officials and politicians had been calling for Rumsfeld's resignation for months.

A source from the Joint Chiefs of Staff told NBC News' military analyst Bill Arkin that prior to the election, Vice President Dick Cheney argued with other politicians over whether Rumsfeld should stay. According to this source, White House Chief of Staff Josh Bolten and others said Rumsfeld should be removed. Reportedly, a consensus was reached that the decision regarding Rumsfeld's continuation would be postponed until after the election.

According to the source, Bush agreed Rumsfeld should be removed after seeing election results favoring Democrats. Cheney then lost another argu-

ment, protesting Gates' nomination as Rumsfeld's replacement.

President Bush nominated Robert Gates, a former CIA director, to replace Rumsfeld. Gates, 63, is a close friend to the Bush family, in particular President George H. W. Bush. Gates currently serves as the president of Texas A&M University and has held a variety of national security jobs for more than a quarter of a century under six presidents.

This isn't the first time Bush has considered Gates for an appointment. In 2005, when Bush was searching for a candidate to fill the position of the nation's first national intelligence director, Gates was considered but ultimately passed over.

Gates' nomination, however, must be confirmed by the Senate, and the Pentagon has yet to officially announce Rumsfeld's date of departure.

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of the organization ahead of personal interests," said Judy Jax, dean of the School of Education. "His work will serve as a constant reminder that service to students and colleagues is to be valued more highly than personal gain and that learning is our life's work."

"He was passionate about students' learning and their immersion in the teaching-learning process," said John Wesolek, dean of the College of Human Development. "He was a strong champion of the American democracy process and encouraged full efforts by faculty and staff on our campus. He believed strongly in student research at all levels and firmly supported our student research publication."

"Collaboration among all units of the university was another theme he constantly promoted. He was also a consummate optimist and believed that with good efforts toward a

worthy cause, great things could be achieved in Stout's learning environment. These traits will be missed by me and others on our campus."

Official obituary

Robert A. Sedlak, age 59, Menomonie, Wis., died Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2006 at home with his family and hospice. Born Sept. 27, 1947 in Belle Vernon, Pa., he graduated from Mon-Valley Catholic High School, California State University of Pennsylvania and Penn State University. Married Denise (Ramicone) June 7, 1969.

Employed at UW-Stout for the past 23 years where he was loved and respected by faculty, students and staff. Active in numerous community organizations and his church.

Survived by his loving wife and best friend Denise, beloved children Rob (Lisa) Sedlak of Somerset, Wendy (Mike Krautkramer) Sedlak of Philadelphia,

adored grandchildren Reid and Saige, mother Mary of Belle Vernon, PA and brother Joseph of Miami Lakes, FL.

Bob was preceded in death by his father, Joseph.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 11 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Menomonie.

Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 10 at the Rhiel Funeral Home in Menomonie.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the School of Education Robert A. Sedlak Spirit of Community Leadership Award or the Student Robert A. Sedlak Scholarship at the Stout University Foundation or to St Joseph Catholic Church.

Rhiel Funeral Home is helping with the arrangements.

The James Huff Stout bell in Bowman Hall will sound a funeral toll at 11:45 a.m., Friday, Nov. 10 in his memory.

Career Center upgrade

By Tracy Considine
News Editor

Recently Career Services has added a number of new sessions for their workshops.

Career Services was informed that the workshops being offered were troublesome at times. Since the interest was still there, times were modified and a few new sessions were added.

"We were hearing from students that they weren't able to make past workshops, so we decided to offer more workshops and to change the times that we traditionally offered them at," said Raymond Rivera, an adviser in the Career Center.

Topics for the workshops provided by the Career Center include how to find a co-op or an internship, building a resume, preparation for interviews, job search strategies and portfolio information.

All of these workshops are designed to be as helpful as pos-

sible in creating opportunities for future career goals.

"A big part of what we are trying to do is make portfolios for education students more user friendly, but the issue is the technical side of the electronic portfolio," said Rivera.

The portfolio workshops are being offered somewhat later than the other workshops to accommodate education students, whose time is often taken up with student teaching in the early parts of the year.

One portfolio workshop was offered Wednesday, Nov. 8 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in Career Services and the next portfolio workshop will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 14 from noon to 1 p.m., also in Career Services.

All workshops require that students pre-register.

To sign up visit the Career Center and reserve a place in these workshops, or call (715) 232-1601.

Online services help students build careers

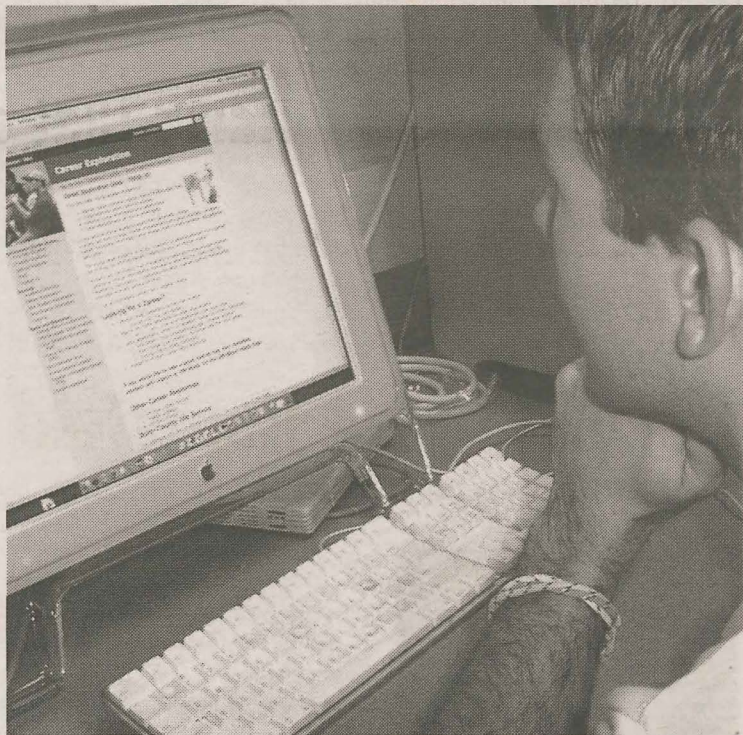
By Tracy Considine
News Editor

Career Services has updated its Web site and also has little-known helpful information to assist in creating and distributing resumes. Parts of the Web site are brand-new and will assist students in scheduling on-campus interviews and uploading their resumes.

Near the top of the Career Services home page is a link titled "Stout CareerLink." The link will open a page that shows consent and release information. Students will be required to create a profile in order to view these new links.

There is a link at the bottom of the Stout CareerLink page that will allow students to create a profile. From there, students will be asked to provide general information to start building their profile.

Once a profile is finished a new page will appear that makes the new links visible. These links allow access to information regarding job



Jason Harsh/Stoutonia

The updated Career Services Web site has new links to assist students in the process of finding internships and jobs.

vacancies, on-campus interviews, employers, career events, mentor searches and external services.

When students' personal

pages are entered, they are able to see who has viewed their profile and looked at their resume, if they have chosen to upload one.

Under the "external services" link students are able to do a broad search of all job openings.

"This link will find any job postings in any non-password-protected sites that might be advertising a job opening," said Raymond Rivera, an adviser in the Career Center.

However, 70 to 85 percent of jobs are never advertised because the law only requires businesses to advertise job openings if they have federal or state contracts.

To solve this problem, the "external services" link has a service called Reference USA which performs an even broader search of jobs listed anywhere in numerous databases throughout the United States.

Students' profiles will also allow them to set up virtual interviews through Interview Stream. Students are able to videotape themselves talking to virtual interviewers who will ask previously specified questions. Students

are then able to play back the video and view themselves in the virtual interview, which will help them develop a comfortable interview style.

"Students can make and save taped interviews and send them to anyone they would like," said Rivera. "Our office will even lend cameras."

For those students who aspire to reach a global level, there is also a link titled "going global," which displays job opportunities overseas. The link also gives helpful hints concerning what is expected regarding interviewing and resumes in different countries.

Finally, the "mentor search" link is extremely helpful to students. The link allows students to find a mentor that meets specific criteria specified by the individual student.

Mentors make their own profile identifying what they are willing to do as mentors, for instance, review portfolios or allow a student to job shadow.

"Ninety percent of mentors are Alumni so students have much more cooperative individuals who have been in their shoes and are committed to helping students," said Rivera.

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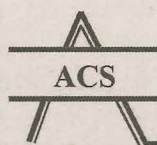
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Journal accepting submissions

By Tracy Considine
News Editor

Few students may realize that the University of Wisconsin-Stout has a Journal of Student Research. The publication boasts that it is "by the students, for the students."

One such student working hard for other students is the publication's editor-in-chief, Mayia Corcoran.

Corcoran is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Platteville pursuing a master's in applied psychology at UW-Stout. She is familiar with UW-Stout because she was the research champion at UW-Platteville and came to give a presentation at UW-Stout's Research Symposium.

"We are looking to have the journals finished and out to students by April 20, which is the day of the symposium, so that we will be able to hand them out," said Corcoran.

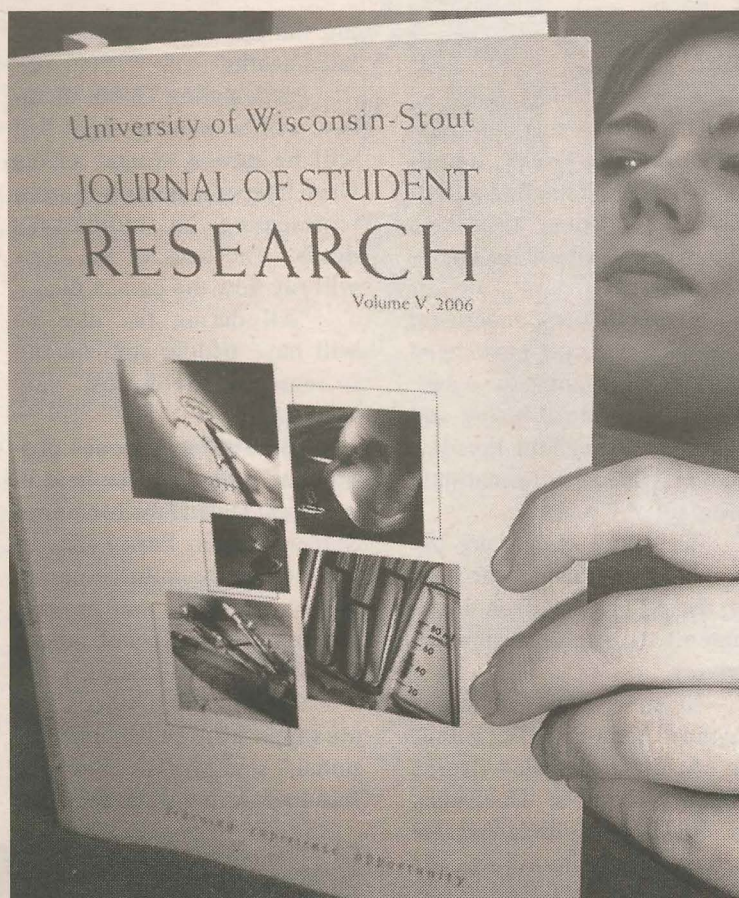
Last year the publication was somewhat late and did not come out until May 4. For this reason, the deadline for research submissions is set at Jan. 22, 2007, and the spring deadline is May 16, 2007.

Graduate and undergraduate students are encouraged to submit their work for publication, regardless of their major.

"One of the journal's goals is to use material from students who have a diverse array of majors," said Corcoran.

Once materials are submitted, Corcoran and her staff of students edit them. They record their edits and comments electronically and the submission is returned to the student.

This semester Corcoran has been working with Katie Carlson, a junior graphic design major, regarding cover design;



Jason Harsh/Stoutonia

The Journal of Student Research contains data from students of various majors. All students are encouraged to submit their work.

Ursula Smith, a senior interior design major with minors in technical writing and business administration, on editing student papers; and Trevor Deck, a graphic communications management major, concerning printing and layout.

"Next semester I will be working with a new set of students regarding graphics and printing," said Corcoran.

The student makes the needed corrections and returns the submission for final edits.

The submitted material is then taken to a review board to verify that information is accurate. It should be noted that there is no cap on how many articles a particular publication of the journal can print.

However, there are certain criteria that submissions must meet. A major point is that all work must be completed in APA style format.

Other specific criteria, help for meeting the criteria, a checklist and submission process can be found on the student journal Web site at <http://www.uwstout.edu/rs/student-journal.shtml>.

Corcoran expects to be spending the majority of her Christmas break editing papers. Students can keep Corcoran busy over Christmas break and see their own work in the sixth edition of UW-Stout's Journal of Student Research.

Make sure to meet current deadlines for submissions.

POLICE BEAT

No. 2006

Citations Issued From 10/30/06 - 11/6/06

UAD 1st: 3
UAD 2nd: 1
Possession of marijuana: 1
Possession of paraphernalia: 1

Failed attempt

An off-campus resident threatened to turn on the gas in his motor home and blow himself up. Police came to the rescue and took the man into custody.

No one home to save a friend

Police were called in to help a female with an alcohol level of .280 who was passed out while vomiting on a sidewalk. They tried to take her home, but no one was there to take care of her. She was taken to Red Cedar Medical Center for medical attention.

No more music for JTC

Two speakers were torn off the co-ed lounge wall in JTC

hall. Police were notified by the staff person on duty, but no suspects have been identified.

Bio-hazard pretzel bag

Kranzusch 2nd floor RA called in the police to remove a bio-hazardous bag found in the bathroom. The pretzel bag was found in the garbage with feces and urine in it.

Burning down a tree

Two students found a tree burning outside of the Price Commons and put it out with an extinguisher.

Authorities found a lighter fluid cap and noticed visible burn marks on the tree.

Watch out bikers!

A biker on the sidewalk was hit by a car leaving a parking lot. The bike ended up underneath the car and both were damaged.

The biker had minor injuries and did not want to go to the hospital.

Name that smell... urine?



Jason Harsh/Stoutonia

Stench in North Hall elevators justifiably irks residents.

By Jenny Stabenow
News Writer

North Hall janitors unpleasantly found urine in the hall's elevator from last Wednesday night or Thursday morning. The hall will be fined \$200 for the bio-hazard to be cleaned properly.

Hall director Don Francis notified all residents of this vandalism.

Francis sent an e-mail to residents informing them of the immature behavior and said several times, "You pee in a toilet or urinal."

He also pointed out the

fact that some students really do need to use the elevator on a regular basis, and it is not fair to them to have this public space vandalized in such a disgusting manner. The janitors were also shown disrespect by this act. Most people would not want to clean up such a filthy mess yet our janitors have to.

All residents were notified to keep their eyes open if they see any unusual behavior around the elevators and to tell the staff as soon as possible. They were also given the reward of relieving their charges if they turn in the person or people who urinated.

Blue Devil Productions Production Board Positions

Blue Devil Productions (BDP), a campus-wide student programming board, is taking applications for the following positions on The Production Board:

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NEWS for the college attention span

Saddam sentenced to death

Saddam Hussein was found guilty of the 1982 killing of 182 Shiites and is sentenced to be hanged. His half-brother, Brazan Ibrahim, and another leader, Awad Hamed, will also accompany him at the gallows as a result of similar charges. If it is upheld, the hangings must be within the next 30 days.

Google to sell advertisements

Google is moving from online to print as it prepares to sell advertising space in 50 top newspapers. They plan to make it easier for online companies to show their products in print. It will be tested soon and will be formally introduced next year.

Nude couple's fight

A couple was spotted fighting in public at a Waffle House completely naked.

The woman told police she was staying with the man who had taken cocaine and started to physically hurt her. She ran into the Waffle House to escape and locked herself into the bathroom. The naked man was

arrested and was charged on several offenses.

Passenger missing on cruise ship

A 42-year-old passenger fell overboard on a Carnival Cruise ship in the Caribbean this past Sunday. He was last seen going overboard from a cabin balcony around 11 p.m. The cruise officials notified the U.S. Coast Guard, and the passenger is still missing.

Evangelical leader falls

Reverend Ted Haggard was a national evangelical leader until it was revealed that he had a three-year sexual relationship with another man.

He was also connected to crystal meth claims but denied both. Last week he was dismissed from being pastor of the church.

245 years in jail

Eugene Britt of Indiana was sentenced to 245 years in prison for three slayings and the rape of a teenager, to which he pled guilty and was found mentally ill.

Greeks against drunkenness

By Cassie Davis
News Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout's Greek organizations will be hosting an all-day event to raise awareness about alcohol abuse on Thursday, Nov. 16.

Pan-Hellenic Council and campus sororities have been working to organize the event, which will start at 8 a.m. and continue throughout the day, ending with an informational program at 7 p.m.

The day's events are being held to raise awareness of the effects of alcohol and support the use of designated drivers.

Much like Mothers Against Drunken Decisions, an organization called Greeks Against Drunken Decisions, or GADD has been put together to help coordinate the day's events.

Lauren Morello, a sophomore studying general business and member of Phi Theta Chi sorority, said that students can expect to see the Grim Reaper coming into classrooms throughout the day giv-

ing statistics about alcohol-related deaths.

Participating Greek members will be wearing signs that will be turned around as the Grim Reaper makes his rounds, representing an individual's death. The back of the signs will say how the person died.

"All during the day we will have people stop talking to represent the deaths," said Morello.

The informational program at 7 p.m. will be held in the Great Hall of the Memorial Student Center. Police officers will be coming to the program to give statistics and provide videos about alcohol abuse and alcohol-related deaths.

"We have two videos that are supposed to be very inspirational," said Morello. She also said that there will be speakers

giving testimony of their own personal experiences with alcohol-related incidents.

The police officers will be bringing "drunken goggles" for students to try on as well.

Alpha Phi sorority held a chapter event similar to the upcoming program. The event was a success among the sisters of the sorority.

Pan-Hellenic Council and campus sororities' goals are for the upcoming event to be something that all students can experience and learn from.

Morello said to watch for participating Greeks wearing "Greeks Against Drunken Decisions" T-shirts.

Students can stop and ask participants about the program and get more information about alcohol abuse and alcohol-related deaths.

FACT

In New York, a fine of \$25 may still be levied for flirting. This old law prohibits men from turning around on any city street and looking at a woman in that way. A second conviction for this offense requires the offender to wear a pair of racehorse blinders whenever he goes out.

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Are we doomed to remain a suitcase campus?



Staff Editorial The Stoutonia Staff

The University of Wisconsin-Stout is and has been a "suitcase campus" for quite some time.

For those of you unfamiliar with that term, a "suitcase campus" is a campus where the majority of the student population goes to their hometowns over the weekend. This tends to have the effect of leaving only those students on campus that live too far away from

home or that already live here.

At the risk of oversimplification, Menomonie is not a very interesting town. Quite bluntly, it can be a very boring and also somewhat depressing place to spend a weekend when nobody else is around.

But what can we do to make campus weekend life more interesting for the people that do stay up here, and how could we possibly encourage students who often go home that there are reasons to stay?

It's no secret that Menomonie is no Minneapolis or downtown St. Paul. Nor does it try to be. But there are activities here on the weekend to partake in.

Blue Devil Productions is doing its best to provide quality entertainment for students on campus by sponsoring events like free movie nights (which they do quite often), comedians and live concerts.



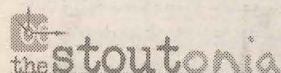
Many students already take advantage of these opportunities but many more could.

Other suggestions have also been made to keep facilities like the Technology

Building, which is usually closed on Sundays, open for student access, and also to extend the hours of other buildings like the Applied Arts Building so students who work all day can have

night access to these buildings.

Any other suggestions? Because unless you like to drink (a lot), Menomonie may as well be a ghost town come Friday.



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Have what it takes to be a ninja?



Matt Schubbe

Columnist

I really wish I could live in Japan, or at least get Japanese television at my house on a regular basis. What prompted this Otaku-like shift in my behavior? A game show, actually, and a very entertaining one at that. Japan is known for having interesting trends in its popular culture as a country, and the show that has caught my eye—and heart—so quickly has a high quality name to match its content: "Ninja Warrior."

Now I'm not inciting a ninjas vs. pirates debate; that's been done to death, and regardless of what side you're on it's a pretty sweet ride being a ninja. But what does it actually mean to be a "Ninja Warrior"? That is precisely the question that "Ninja Warrior" answers with its no-holds-bar-you-had-better-be-the-best presentation. The show is essentially "American Gladiators" on crack...after a weeklong bender.

The show's format is simple: 100 competitors, who range from Japanese celebrities to Olympic-level athletes to convenience store employees, compete to see who can vanquish four grueling stages of what is probably the most

difficult obstacle course ever, with only about 95 seconds per stage. I can't even begin to describe the staggering challenge posed by level one alone. Usually only a handful of competitors complete the first stage, and in fact since "Ninja Warrior's" inception in 1997 only 200 contestants in total have managed to do so, and only one person has ever completed all 4 stages.

How awesome is that? Why don't we have something like that in America? A show like "Ninja Warrior" on prime-time American television would absolutely KILL in the ratings. With that said, I suppose my next order of business is to ask: Who wants to help me make an obstacle course to rival that on "Ninja Warrior"? We'll have to give it a Midwestern American flavor, of course, like having one obstacle involve eating a pan of lemon bars before moving on. And with how much Americans seem to enjoy eating, it should be a popular part of the course.

In my excitement, I neglected to mention earlier that this show is on the G4 channel on Tuesday nights at 11 p.m. So I may have been a little hasty in deciding to build my own version of the course. Oh, no...I should call my mom. I had her make a lot of lemon bars in anticipation of this thing being a hit. I'll have to break it to her gently, and subsequently have the largest on-campus bake sale ever. Oh well, you win this time "Ninja Warrior."

How to make winter suck less

Theresa Radtke

Columnist

Sometimes I feel too fat to function. I have a T-shirt that says that exact saying on it, and every time I wear it my friends aren't shy from ever telling me they agree. What I get from the saying "too fat to function" is that a person is too tired to do anything, not that the person is literally too fat to walk around.

For me, feeling so lazy comes after eating because I almost always eat too much food and then just feel like lying down for a couple of hours and sleeping it off. Food often has this effect though, especially around Thanksgiving, it would seem. Actually the other day I took a nap with my roommate from 1:30 to 4:40 in the afternoon. It was amazing.

Seriously, though, as the winter months approach, it is not uncommon for many people to become very sleepy and depressed. When that sunshine starts to disappear more and more each day, so do a lot of peoples' smiles. A couple of things to look forward to, however, is the winter break we have. Thanksgiving is coming, and that will be great. All the food and turkey, I guess that will make me even more "too fat to function." That's why naps are so cool. Another event is just 48 days away—Christmas! I find that singing carols and eating a ton of Christmas cookies really makes me cheerful.

Apart from personal ways to not be so sad while snow is falling, there are also medical ways to help. Although I think it may be the worst way to ruin skin, tanning is proven to help people cope with depression and feeling down. The fake sunshine acts as a replacement for the sun, and may put a smile on your face if nothing else.

Sometimes I just feel like lying down and sleeping in my dorm all day. Then maybe going to get something to eat and then sleeping again. One of my friends just came down with mono so maybe doing that wouldn't be the best idea.

I think the best advice I can give is to buy a tube of Purell instant Hand Sanitizer and use it often. Also, don't touch your face a lot when you feel sick because did you know that 99 percent of germs and sickness pass best through your eyes? I learned that over the summer when I was working at a nursing home.

Being too fat to function is probably fixable with doing some exercising or something, but then again, who says being lazy is a bad thing? One of the best ways to relax, a way to really clear your mind from stressful schoolwork, is to sleep. Maybe take the relaxation class offered here.

Friends tell me the class is very helpful in releasing stress. You can bring a pillow and just stretch out while listening to calming music. Being too fat to function sounds great to me.

Are movies, in fact, meant to be social?



Sam Schuna
Opinions Editor

What makes a really great movie? Is it huge explosions and lots of balls-to-the-wall action? Heartfelt romance and depressing epics of true love? Deep characters that must struggle bravely through inside and outside conflicting forces?

How about who's sitting next to you on the sofa or in the movie theater?

It's not something most people think about when they judge how good a movie experience is, but the person with whom you watch a film can greatly affect your opinion of the movie itself.

Take a minute and recall some of the movies on your top-favorites list (I won't ask you to list them in order or anything)

and ask yourself if you were with someone else when you watched them: a good friend, a sibling or maybe a significant other perhaps. There may be one or two, but odds are you probably saw most of them—if not all—with someone close to you or that was close to you at the time.

This is because I believe movie-watching to be a social act for the most part, even if you are quietly staring at a screen for several hours. Of course there are people who DO watch movies alone (I know I've done it a couple of times), but humans are social creatures who, for the most part, try to find somebody else to watch a film with them, which can often greatly enhance or hinder your movie-going experience.

Recalling from experience, just as this past summer was nearing its end, my best friend invited me over to his residence to partake in a bit of movie viewing. He had told me about the movie, "SLC Punk," a couple days prior and gave me a brief synopsis, but from how

he described it, it didn't really sound like my kind of movie. For those of you who haven't seen it (which is probably most of you) the movie is about the beginning of the punk movement in Salt Lake City, Utah (hence the "SLC"), featuring two of the first punks in that area, Stevo and "Heroin Bob" (who is ironically strongly against drugs of any kind).

Although I did dye my hair a radical shade of aqua once, neither me nor my friend would consider ourselves "punks," but the movie struck a deep chord within us both, partly because we were just making little cracks at the humor of the film and discussing people we knew that reminded us of characters in the movie throughout, including ourselves.

But a lot of it was also just because we were just two good friends chillin' and watching a movie.

There wasn't really anything mystical or amazing about it that made it different from any other independent film, but the fact

is that having someone else in the same room you know that is feeling and reacting as similarly toward the characters and plot on screen as you are can seem to enhance and intensify your feelings.

Now it seems that I'm drifting into the topic of global human consciousness, but my point is that if I was watching that movie alone or even with a bunch of strangers, I know for a fact I would not have liked it anywhere near as much. It is now one of my favorite movies, and to further my reasoning I did a search for it on rottentomatoes.com after viewing it only to find the majority of critics found it to be mediocre at best.

Downright bad movies can be somewhat entertaining as well if you can laugh about them with someone. When I went to see "The Descent" with my family, we discussed afterward how horrible the movie was, but we managed to enjoy it a degree by laughing together about the really cheesy parts, whereas if I were viewing it alone I probably

would have walked out of the theater.

And even good movies can seem awful with the right, or I should say wrong, person.

For example, if you are viewing a highly acclaimed movie with one of your fellow cronies, when suddenly that one ex-girlfriend/boyfriend with the high-pitched monkey giggle who is still annoyingly head-over-heels about you and won't leave you alone because they don't get the picture, waltzes in and plops down next to you grinning, you might have some trouble concentrating and enjoying the film.

If it's someone that makes you really uncomfortable they might even motivate you to walk out of the theater and miss the motion picture entirely, so it's the kind of thing that can really ruin a good movie.

So next time you catch a flick make sure that you're with someone who can appreciate crazy-huge explosions or confusing psychological horrors, because it might just enhance the experience that much more.

Rock concert survival guide

Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

There is no experience quite like the rock concert, and it is one that sticks with you. The avid rocker will carry the memory of a good concert for weeks following. It's not uncommon to see a look of post-concert euphoria on someone's face days after a rock adventure. Even if you don't know the band very well, the experience is well worth the time and effort. Bring your friends. Rock shows are amazing by themselves, but out of this world when you have someone to share them with.

There is something to be said about the rock concert atmosphere. Being crammed into venues that are sometimes less-than-accommodating with a multitude of adoring fans is an experience all its own.

In such cramped situations there is certain etiquette that concert-goers should adopt.

Rule number one: Don't be a frontline soldier.

Out of pure enthusiasm and my insatiable lust for rockstar boys, I have been guilty of being a frontline soldier. Nothing can top being inches away from your musical heroes as they pour their heart and soul out in front of you on the stage. However, remember that everyone else who is attending the event has gone through the same amount of pain and stress to get to the concert as you, and no matter what you think, you are not the biggest fan. Just count yourself privileged to be a part of the glorious event.

Rule number two: Mosh

and be moshed.

One of the signature characteristics of a rock concert that separates it from other types of concerts is moshing. If you are in the pit, be prepared to have entire bodies hurled in your direction many times, and learn how to brace yourself. Do not sit in the stands because only pansies sit down at a good rock show. You must be on your feet to fully enjoy the musical occasion. While fending for the ability to remain vertical, remember to look out for your fellow moshers. A man down does not deserve being stomped upon by his fellow rockers. It is not uncommon to see someone take an elbow to the face one moment and the next be lovingly hoisted back to his feet after making friends with the dirty venue floor.

Rule number three: Scream.

Scream the words to the songs. Scream when the singer tells you to. Scream when one of the band members sprays you with water from his or her water bottle. Scream when the lights go dim and you hear the first chords of an acoustic monster ballad. By the end of the night your throat should be raw. You should wake up the next morning feeling like you've swallowed sandpaper. A post-concert sore throat is the equivalent of a wicked hangover — a testament to the awesome night you just had.

Rule number four: Don't talk, just rock.

It's not like your buddies can hear what you're saying anyway above the huge woofers. You don't buy a ticket to yap. Save

your unnecessary babble for the after party — if you can still hear.

Rule number five: Annoy the security guards.

At a rock show, these guys are enemy number one. They prevent you from leaping up on stage to party with your heroes and they stop you from crashing the after party backstage. Harass them and stand your ground until you get what you want. Why should they impede you when you're trying to get your rock on?

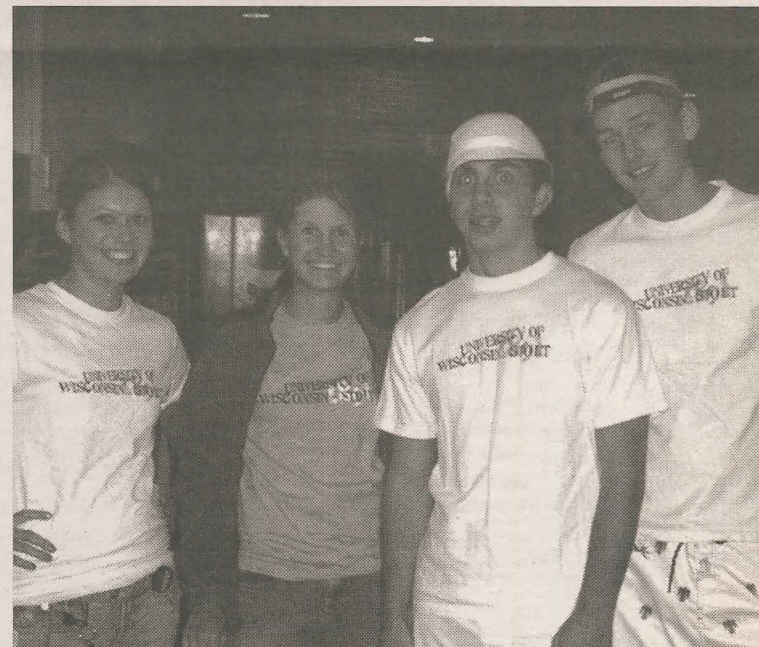
Rule number six: Live for the music.

Like I said previously, it doesn't matter if you barely even know the band's stuff. For one moment in time you are caught in a maelstrom of guitar riffs and excellent drum sessions with a myriad of screaming fans. These fans are your comrades, your best friends. They are experiencing the same momentous occasion right along with you and there is nothing that could take that away.

I feel somewhat confident that this article has prepared you with what you need to know for ultimate rocking.

So go out there, my little rock stars, and experience the sensation that is a live rock show. Nothing compares to finally making it to the show after overcoming expense issues, transportation problems, and getting so lost trying to find the venue that you fear you'll miss the whole thing. Sometimes getting to the concert is exasperating, but it's definitely worth the pain. You won't soon forget it, and you will never regret it.

NRHH scavenger hunt winners



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The National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) Scavenger Hunt took place on Monday, Oct. 30. Six teams raced around campus with hopes of finding the most answers to questions about various campus buildings. The prize sought: a coveted \$40.00 gift certificate from Jeff and Jim's. The winning team, from left to right, consisted of Kim Bindl, Kelsey Treptow, Nate Nelson and Robyn Quella. NRHH is a recognition organization consisting of the top 1 percent of leaders within the residence halls.

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1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #4	\$175	\$175	n/a	n/a	Inc. utilities, bath off hallway, washer/dryer Avail. 8/1/07	SR
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #8	\$180	\$180	n/a	n/a	Inc. utilities, bath off hallway, washer/dryer	SR
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #6	\$195	\$195	n/a	n/a	Inc. utilities, bath off hallway, washer/dryer	SR
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #7	\$195	\$195	n/a	n/a	Inc. utilities, bath off hallway, washer/dryer	SR
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #5	\$230	\$230	n/a	n/a	Inc. utilities, bath off hallway, washer/dryer	SR
1	1	2006 5th Street E. Apt C	\$275	\$275	\$275	\$275	Includes Utilities! Newer, large bedrooms, w/d, a/c,	SR
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #1	\$280	\$280	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc. storage, close to campus	6
1	1	802 6th Avenue #1	\$290	\$290	n/a	n/a	Includes all utilities parking	6
1	1	702 4th Street	\$290	\$290	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc. storage, close to campus	6
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #2	\$300	\$300	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc. storage, close to campus	6
1	1	115 1/2 Main Street West	\$320	\$320	\$395	\$395	Close to campus and downtown	3
1	1	1203 1/2 14th Avenue East	\$325	\$325	n/a	n/a	upper duplex, nice size rooms	D
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #2	\$325	\$325	n/a	n/a	great location, includes WSG & heat	A
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #3	\$330	\$330	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc. storage, close to campus	6
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #5	\$335	\$335	n/a	n/a	Great location, utilities Included Parking	8
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #4	\$340	\$340	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc. storage, close to campus	6
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #5	\$355	\$355	n/a	n/a	great location, includes WSG & heat, parking	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #6	\$360	\$360	n/a	n/a	Great location, util. Incl. Parking	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #8	\$360	\$360	n/a	n/a	Great location, util. Incl. Parking	8
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #9	\$365	\$365	n/a	n/a	great location, includes WSG & heat, parking	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #4	\$365	\$365	n/a	n/a	great location, includes WSG & heat, parking	A
1	1	1218 1/2 9th Street	\$375	\$375	n/a	n/a	gas heat, upper duplex, great location	D
1	1	1221 7th Street	\$390	\$390	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat, WSG, hot water, very large & nice	4
1	1	1520 7th Street	\$390	\$390	n/a	n/a	close to campus, parking, Washer/dryer	D
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #3	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	great location, includes WSG & heat	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #8	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	great location, includes WSG & heat, parking	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #3	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	Great location, util. Incl. Parking	8
1	1	421 1/2 13th Avenue West	\$395	\$395	\$500	\$500	super nice, great location, storage	D
1	1	421 Wilson Avenue #3	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat, WSG, hot water, parking	6
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #6	\$410	\$410	n/a	n/a	great location, includes WSG & heat	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #1	\$415	\$415	n/a	n/a	Great location, includes WSG & heat, parking	A
1	1	333 1/2 Main Street #1	\$420	\$420	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat, WSG, downtown location	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #1	\$475	\$475	n/a	n/a	Great location, util. Incl. Parking	8
2	1	119 West Main Street #2	\$295	\$148	\$365	\$183	Close to campus and downtown	3
2	1	1506 1/2 6th Street	\$330	\$165	\$430	\$215	enclosed front porch, great location	D
2	1	1218 9th Street	\$350	\$175	n/a	n/a	gas heat, lower duplex, great location	D
2	1	921 Main Street #4	\$360	\$180	\$460	\$230	Good location, parking	4
2	1	1203 14th Avenue East	\$375	\$188	n/a	n/a	lower duplex, gas heat	D
2	1	115 Main Street West	\$380	\$190	\$500	\$250	Close to campus and downtown	3
2	1	915 1/2 Main Street	\$395	\$198	\$495	\$248	good location in duplex, w parking	D
2	1	208 1/2 13th Avenue West	\$400	\$200	n/a	n/a	gas heat, next to campus	D
2	1	620 15th Avenue	\$400	\$200	\$600	\$300	upper duplex, very nice close to campus	D
2	1	1415 4th Street West	\$410	\$205	\$510	\$255	gas heat, garage, modern, location	D
2	1	1506 6th Street	\$420	\$210	\$570	\$285	huge bedrooms, enclosed front porch	D
2	1	2121 5th Street #A	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Inc. WSG, washer dryer	4
2	1	2121 5th Street #B	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Inc. WSG, washer dryer	4
2	1	2121 5th Street #C	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Inc. WSG, washer dryer	4
2	1	2121 5th Street #D	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Inc. WSG, washer/dryer	4
2	1	421 13th Avenue West	\$425	\$213	\$550	\$275	gas heat, hardwood floors, storage	D
2	1	414 1/2 12th Avenue West	\$430	\$215	\$540	\$270	large, great location, parking	D
2	1	619 13th Avenue	\$450	\$225	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat WSG hot water, excellent location	4
2	1	1221 1/2 7th Street	\$460	\$230	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat, WSG, hot water, excellent location	4
2	1	619 1/2 13th Avenue	\$480	\$240	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat WSG hot water, excellent location	4
2	1	1502 10th Street	\$500	\$250	\$650	\$325	garage, washer/dryer, great house	H
2	1	620 1/2 9th Avenue	\$500	\$250	\$660	\$330	close to campus, large nice rooms	3
2	1	802 6th Avenue #5	\$525	\$263	n/a	n/a	Includes all utilities parking	6
2	1	802 6th Avenue #6	\$525	\$263	n/a	n/a	Includes all utilities parking	6
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #1	\$540	\$270	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat, WSG, hot water, parking	6
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #5	\$540	\$270	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat, WSG, hot water, parking	6
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #6	\$540	\$270	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat, WSG, hot water, parking	6
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3	1	119 West Main Street #3	\$525	\$175	\$675	\$225	Close to campus and downtown	3
3	1	1311 South Broadway	\$550	\$183	\$700	\$233	washer/dryer next to campus	D
3	1	1312 6th Street	\$550	\$183	n/a	n/a	close to campus, parking	H
3	1	1415 1/2 4th Street West	\$600	\$200	\$820	\$273	gas heat, garage, great location	D
3	1	208 13th Avenue West.	\$600	\$200	n/a	n/a	Lrg. Rooms, gas heat, parking	D
3	1	1503 7th Street	\$600	\$200	\$800	\$267	Lower duplex,	D
3	1	921 Main Street #3	\$600	\$200	\$765	\$255	Good location, parking, economical	4
3	1	414 12th Avenue West	\$630	\$210	\$820	\$273	very large, garage storage	D
3	1	802 6th Avenue #4	\$675	\$225	n/a	n/a	utilities included, parking	A
3	1.5	414 14th Avenue West	\$700	\$233	\$850	\$283	modern, high eff. Gas heat, washer/dryer, office/den	8
3	1	915 Main Street	\$700	\$233	\$850	\$283	good location in duplex, w parking, office/computer room	D
3	1	147 1/2 Main Street #B	\$780	\$260	n/a	n/a	Inc. Utilities, W/D great location, very large	A
4	1	1606 10th Street	\$550	\$138	\$750	\$188	washer/dryer, new siding	H
4	1	1120 15th Avenue	\$600	\$150	\$750	\$188	washer/dryer excellent shape/lrg rooms	D
4	1	1508 10th Street	\$620	\$155	\$820	\$205	close to Lammers, nice layout	H
4	1	1115 14th Avenue East	\$620	\$155	\$800	\$200	gas heat/garage/large rooms/ W/D hookup	H
4	1	321 13th Avenue West	\$660	\$165	\$880	\$220	Super location, washer/dryer	H
4	1	921 Main Street #1	\$700	\$175	\$870	\$218	good location, economical	4
4	1	309 14th Avenue West	\$750	\$188	\$950	\$238	WD good location, gas heat	H
4	1	1215 10th Street	\$750	\$188	\$870	\$218	W/D gas heat/storage, parking, garage	H
4	2	1319 8th Street	\$800	\$200	\$1,000	\$250	close to campus, large nice rooms	H
4	2	1509 South Broadway	\$800	\$200	n/a	n/a	lrg. House, nice location	H
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4	2	1620 6th Street	\$850	\$213	\$1,050	\$263	great house, washer/dryer, gas heat	H
4	2	1515 6th Street	\$900	\$225	\$1,195	\$299	spacious, close to campus, washer/dryer	D
4	1	121 1/2 12th Avenue West	\$900	\$225	\$1,125	\$281	large apartment, super location washer/dryer	D
4	1.5	121 12th Avenue West	\$900	\$225	\$1,125	\$281	super location washer/dryer	D
4	2	1114 7th Street	\$950	\$238	\$1,150	\$288	great location, close to campus, garage	H
4	2	1702 6th Street	\$950	\$238	\$1,150	\$288	lots of space, great location, W/D	H
4	2	1415 8th Street East	\$1,000	\$250	\$1,250	\$313	recently upgraded, great location parking W/D	D
4	1	1615 7th St	\$1,000	\$250	\$1,200	\$300	Great location and nice house, washer/dryer, garage	H
4	2	1317 8th Street	\$1,040	\$260	\$1,250	\$313	washer/dryer deck good location	H
4	2	332 1/2 Main Street	\$1,040	\$260	\$1,240	\$310	Huge, washer/dryer, deck, 4 br downtown & parking	A
4	2	1021 8th Street	\$1,100	\$275	\$1,345	\$336	beautiful house w/decks close to campus washer/dryer	H
4	3	147 1/2 Main Street #A	\$1,100	\$275	n/a	n/a	INCLUDES UTILITIES, huge, great location, W/D,	A
5	1	1121 6th Avenue	\$600	\$120	\$860	\$172	washer/dryer gas heat, good sized rooms	H
5	1.5	221 4th Street West	\$700	\$140	\$960	\$192	washer/dryer gas heat, north campus	H
5	1	1320 6th Street	\$820	\$164	\$1,040	\$208	washer/dryer great location	H
5	2	405 20th Avenue East	\$850	\$170	\$1,030	\$206	great house washer/dryer garage, modern	H
5	2	1115 17th Avenue East	\$875	\$175	\$1,085	\$217	very lrg. Rooms W/D hook-up, newly remodeled	H
5	2	1521 8th Street	\$900	\$180	\$1,145	\$229	washer/dryer great location	H
5	2	1403 6th Street	\$900	\$180	\$1,180	\$236	good location, lots of parking, huge rooms	H
5	2	607 13th Avenue East	\$950	\$190	\$1,140	\$228	huge rooms, location, parking washer/dryer	H
5	2	2006 5th Street #A	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,200	\$240	washer/dryer very large, parking	3
5	2	2006 5th Street #B	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,280	\$256	washer/dryer gas heat, new siding, remodeled	3
5	1.5	1107 2nd Street West	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,200	\$240	good layout/close to campus, washer/dryer	H
5	1.5	1115 6th Street	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,180	\$236	washer dryer, updated, right on campus, very desirable	H
5	2.5	1502 7th Street	\$1,050	\$210	\$1,275	\$255	washer/dryer, remodeled	H
5	2.5	902 Main Street	\$1,125	\$225	\$1,350	\$270	great location, washer/dryer, large rooms, fenced yard	H
5	2	1803 7th Street	\$1,150	\$230	\$1,430	\$286	washer/dryer parking, good location, large	D
5	2	203 13th Avenue West	\$1,150	\$230	\$1,370	\$274	washer dryer, great location, house	H
5	2	1208 9th Street	\$1,175	\$235	\$1,400	\$280	Remodeled! 2 car garage, great house close to campus	H
5	2	121 13th Avenue West	\$1,300	\$260	\$1,560	\$312	large, super location. Washer/dryer	D
6	2	1402 8th Street	\$700	\$117	\$900	\$150	washer/dryer gas heat good layout	H
6	2	504 10th Street	\$900	\$150	\$1,180	\$197	W/D hook-ups, gas heat, large rms.	H
6	2	1603 7th Street	\$1,170	\$195	n/a	n/a	washer/dryer new carpet, very nice	H
6	2	1415 1/2 8th Street	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,480	\$247	fabulous newer construction washer/dryer	D
6	2	321 20th Avenue #B	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,445	\$241	new large bedrooms, washer/dryer	4
6	2	321 20th Avenue #C	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,445	\$241	new large bedrooms, washer/dryer	4
6	2	321 20th Avenue #D	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,445	\$241	new large bedrooms, washer/dryer	4
6	2	602 1/2 12th Avenue	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,460	\$243	great location, washer/dryer, very nice, parking	D
6	2	1714 8th Street	\$1,230	\$205	\$1,500	\$250	large deck, gas heat, washer/dryer	H
6	2	115 1/2 17th Avenue West	\$1,260	\$210	\$1,510	\$252	newer unit, great location washer/dryer	D
6	2	115 17th Avenue West	\$1,260	\$210	\$1,510	\$252	house, location, washer/dryer Parking	D
6	2	121 1/2 13th Avenue West	\$1,260	\$210	\$1,540	\$257	large, super location, washer/dryer	D
6	2	408 18th Avenue East	\$1,560	\$260	\$1,800	\$300	washer/dryer, close to campus, great home,	H
7	2	220 12th Avenue West	\$1,190	\$170	\$1,415	\$202	Great location, washer/dryer/fenced yard	H
7	2	1321 2nd Street West	\$1,365	\$195	\$1,525	\$218	large house, 1 blk. from campus washer/dryer	H
7	3	1102 10th Street	\$1,600	\$229	\$1,870	\$267	large house, 2 car garage, parking, nice sized rooms	H
8	3	1421 South Broadway	\$1,840	\$230	\$2,100	\$263	large house, W/D, across from stadium	H

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Thursday, November 8, 2006

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The Stoutonia

Community

Thursday, Nov. 9

- Campus and community-wide food drive to benefit Interfaith Food Pantry in Menomonie sponsored by Phi Upsilon Omicron
- International Week Event: Kathy Callahan and Abel Adakola's Fulbright experiences in China and Lithuania. 1:30 p.m. Pioneer Room, MSC
- International Week Event: "Cultural Madness" comedy show. 7 p.m. Ballroom B, MSC

Friday, Nov. 10

- Campus and community-wide food drive to benefit Interfaith Food Pantry in Menomonie sponsored by Phi Upsilon Omicron.
- Engineering and Technology Career Day.
- Fall 2006 Faculty Development - Teaching Stories: What I Have Learned presented by Dan Riordan. 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. Northwoods Room, MSC

Saturday, Nov. 11

- Food item donation for Interfaith Food Pantry in Menomonie. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Marketplace, Menomonie
- International Week Event: Annual International Dinner with exhibits and cultural show. Exhibits shown from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and buffet dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by cultural show. \$7 for UW-Stout students, \$13.95 for non-students, \$8.95 for children. Great Hall, MSC

Sunday, Nov. 12

- Gamma Sigma Sigma All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast. \$5. 8 to 10 a.m. Applebee's in Menomonie
- Food item donation for Interfaith Food Pantry in Menomonie. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Marketplace, Menomonie
- Red Cedar staff cooking brunch for the Red Cedar residents. 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Red Cedar Hall

November 13 - 17: Wisconsin's Winter Awareness Week

Monday, Nov. 13

- Student presentation: "A Day Without Garlic is a Day Without Sunshine." 10:10 a.m. Room 240, Home Economics

Tuesday, Nov. 14

- Portfolio information. 12 to 1 p.m. Career Services
- Thesis-writing survival skills. 5 to 6 p.m. Room 111, Library Learning Center
- "Let it Out" dialogue series workshop: disability awareness. 5 to 7 p.m. Huff's, MSC
- Red Cedar Medical Center's cooking course: "Holiday Entertaining: We're Not Talking Grandma's Green Jell-O." Must be pre-registered. 6 to 8 p.m. Education Center, Red Cedar Medical Center
- DVD Discussion Series: Saving Jesus "The World Into Which Jesus is Born." 8 to 9:30 p.m. White Pine Room, MSC

Wednesday, Nov. 15

- Sale of Dave Barnard's photos and book sale. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Library Learning Center

- Resume workshop. 10:15 to 11:10 a.m. Career Services.
- WiSys Innovation Scholar Award reception honoring Robert Foley. 2:30 p.m. Pioneer Room, MSC

Thursday, Nov. 16

- Public sale of UW-Stout surplus property. 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. 817 S. Broadway, Room 146. Bids awarded at 2:30 p.m.
- Navigating the Contradictions of the New Trend Landscape: presentation by Robyn Waters. 6 p.m. Room 210, Applied Arts

Entertainment

Thursday, Nov. 9

- GreenSense presents movie: "Homeland: Four Portraits of Native Action." 6 to 7:30 p.m. State Cinema, downtown Menomonie
- Samurai Film Series: New Perspectives on the Past presents: "Twilight Samurai." 7 to 9 p.m. Menomonie Public Library
- "Picasso at the Lapin Agile." Tickets: \$10. 7:30 p.m. Harvey Hall Theatre

Hall Theatre

- Blue Devil Productions presents music event: Polydream with Ell-estel. Free with Stout ID, \$1 public. 8 p.m. Rec Center, MSC

Friday, Nov. 10

- Campus Crusade for Christ presents music event: Caitlyn Smith, Andre and Dan Roriguez, and Aerial Square. 7 to 9 p.m. Great Hall, MSC
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Saturday, Nov. 11

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Sunday, Nov. 12

- Discover scuba diving with Scuba Diving Association event. 5 to 8 p.m. Johnson Fieldhouse pool

Tuesday, Nov. 14

- Commons and Tainter special event dinner: Thanksgiving Feast. 4 to 7:30 p.m.

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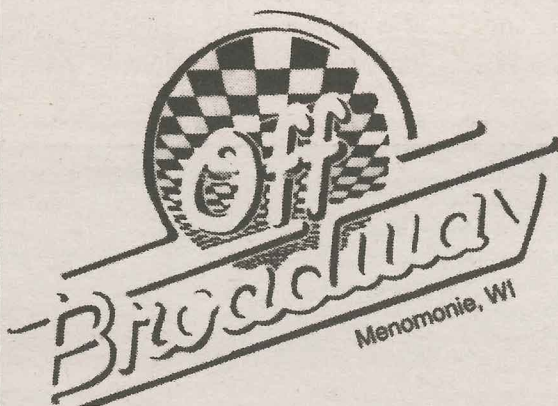
- Hockey @ St. John's University. 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 11

- Men's and Women's Cross Country NCAA Regionals @ Augustana College. 11 a.m.
- Football vs. UW-Stevens Point. 1 p.m.
- Hockey @ Augsburg College. 7 p.m.

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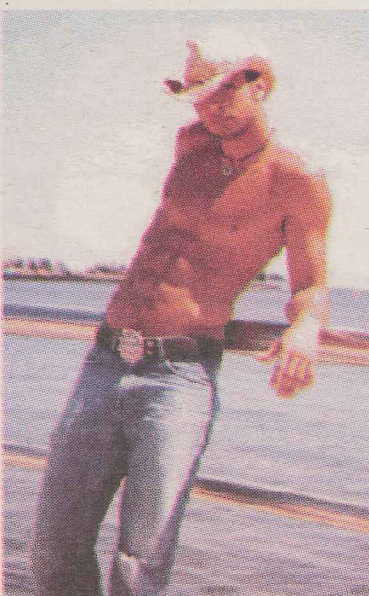
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Einstein, Picasso and Paris: what could be better?



Jenna Wojan
Entertainment Writer

University Theatre will be presenting the play "Picasso at the Lapin Agile" Nov. 8 through Nov. 11.

"Picasso at the Lapin Agile," written by comedian Steve Martin, takes place in the 1904 Parisian restaurant of the play's title. The play depicts a fictional meeting between theoretical physicist Albert Einstein and Spanish abstract painter Pablo Picasso. What follows is a lively discussion, focusing on the creative imagination of the scientist and the artist.

The auditions for the play began at the end of September, and the play has been in rehearsal and production since the beginning of October. The play incorporates the talents of 11 cast members and a backstage crew of 80 members.

The production also welcomes the aid from two University of Wisconsin-Stout staff members, Sue King and Jim Pitroski. King is designing the costumes and Pitroski is in charge of lighting.

"The play is intelligently



Stacie McCormack/Stoutonia

"Picasso at the Lapin Agile" explores what would happen if abstract artist Pablo Picasso met with Albert Einstein. University of Wisconsin-Stout students star in this Steve Martin production which will be performed this weekend.

written, and every time I watch it, I still laugh at the lines," said director and set designer Paul Callenberg.

The play conveys a message that Callenberg described as the "affirmation that everything that is beautiful is created through life."

Callenberg embraced that message, and brought it to UW-Stout.

"It's a message and a play students could put their arms around and move with," said Callenberg.

Laura Drew, a junior in studio art, stars as Germain, the owner of the Lapin Agile. She has acted in shows since seventh grade and has been in productions such as "Pippin," "The Vagina Monologues" and "Club Nine."

"It's always fun to do a period play," said Drew. "It allows you to get more into your character on stage."

Ryan Peterson, who stars as the artist Picasso, disagreed

with his costar.

"When you are in set in a different time period, you have to act a completely different way," said Peterson.

Peterson, a senior in technical communications and long-time veteran of play acting, was ecstatic about the energy of the play, praising it for being so "mature, short and witty, and somewhat risqué."

Both actors wish to pursue their careers in acting and the-

ater, be it through community acting troupes or another outlet. Peterson commented that it is a great way to meet people, saying to "always audition!"

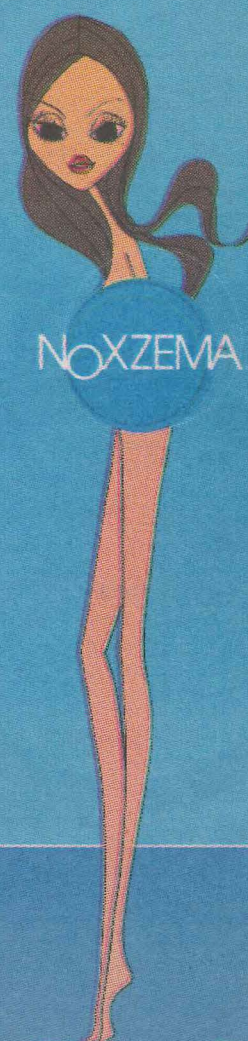
Drew said in all seriousness, "I will keep acting until I cannot walk anymore!"

"Picasso at the Lapin Agile" will be presented each night at 7:30 pm in Harvey Hall Theatre. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the Memorial Student Center service desk.

Outfits, outfits everywhere.
But nothing I'd be caught dead in.

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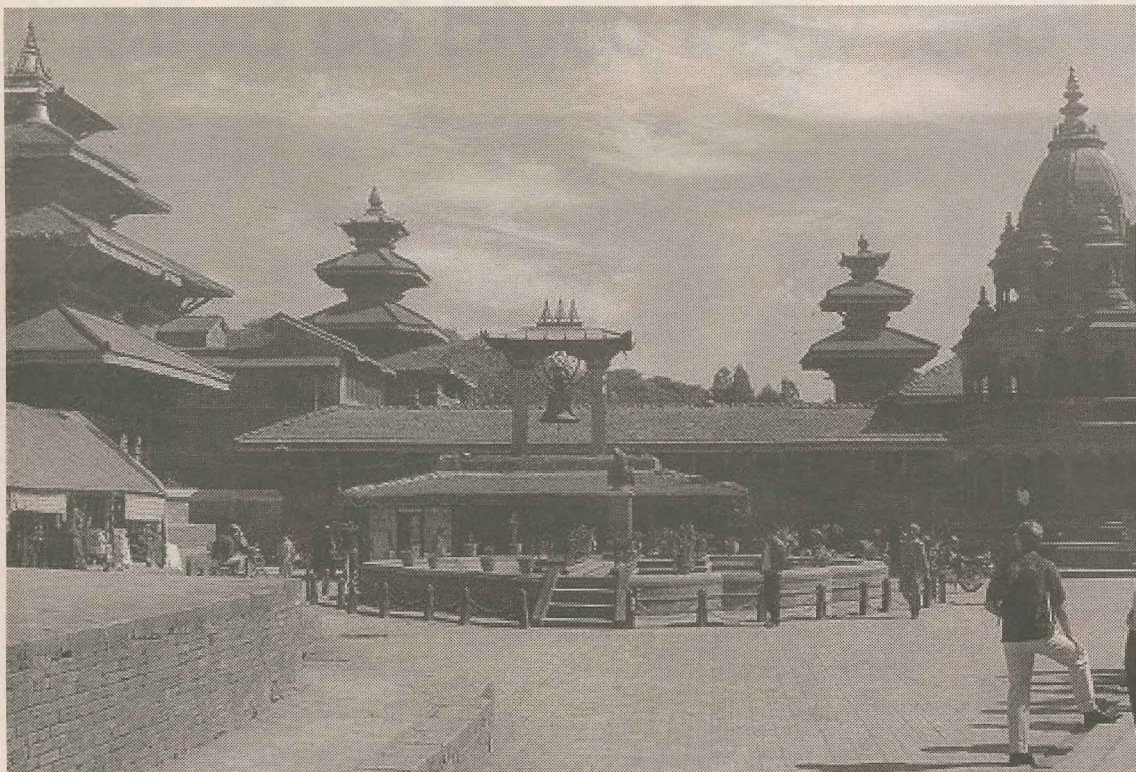
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ISO holds seminar on Nepal



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Nepal offers many experiences to any traveler. People can visit places like this temple in the Nepalese city of Patan and partake in the country's rich heritage.

Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

On Wednesday, Nov. 8 University of Wisconsin-Stout's International Student Organization hosted a seminar in the Memorial Student Center concerning Nepal as a cultural destination. The purpose of the seminar was to present Nepal as a desired place for people to go on vacation. Nepal is rich in culture, boasting 61 ethnic groups with 92 living languages including Nepali, the national language. Up until last year, it was the only official Hindu country in the world. Today, 80 percent of the people practice Hindu and the remaining 20 percent practice Buddhism and other religions.

Nepal's people are but one of the country's attractions. There are celebrations throughout the year with the many festivals that the country observes. Nepal fes-

tivals have many categories, including personal honor, ancient mythology and religion.

"There are more festivals than the number of days in the year," said Badri Adhikari, a speaker at the seminar. Adhikari, who was born in Nepal, is a senior in business at UW-Stout.

Unique food is also associated with these festivals, and because of the wide range in elevation, from just above sea level to the peaks of Mt. Everest, Nepal offers a wide variety of agriculture. Some foods are eaten only at certain festivals.

For instance, selroti, a bagel made from rice flower, is eaten only at Nepal's second largest annual festival, Tihar, also known as Dipawali. It is a five-day Hindu festival of lights for brothers and sisters, in which sisters wish a long life to their beloved brothers.

Daichura, which is a dish of yogurt and beaten rice, is eaten during the Ashad-15 festival. The festival is celebrated to commemorate the start of the rice planting season, which is at the end of June according to the Western calendar.

Nepal follows a different calendar, called Bikarmsambat, which was established by the Nepalese king Bikarm 2063 years ago. Bikarmsambat is

about 57 years ahead of the standard Western calendar.

"Days of each month are fluid in that each month is calculated by the position of the moon with respect to the Earth and sun," said Adhikari.

Besides the people, food and celebrations, Nepal has many attractions that tourists can appreciate. There are eight World Heritage Centers in the country established by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization – an organization that aims to "build peace in the minds of men." Each World Heritage Center includes buildings from Nepal's ancient culture, some from over 1,700 years ago.

"The buildings really pertain to the time period in which they were built," said Adhikari.

Scenery and wildlife are also main points of interest. Nepal is known world-wide for its white-water rafting and kayaking. Rafters can take on any one of the nine Nepal rivers on trips that can last up to 11 days. Travelers can also visit Annapurna, the famous Nepalese conservation area. And, of course, there is always Mt. Everest for the brave mountaineers.

The seminar is part of International Week, put on by the ISO.

Welcome to the family

Not a generic mobster video game



Chris Moellering
Entertainment Writer

On Nov. 7, "The Sopranos: Road to Respect" was released for Playstation 2.

For the first time, fans of the popular HBO series "The Sopranos" can join the family and live the life of an Italian mobster.

Fans can fight side-by-side with Tony, Paulie and Christopher. They can finally dine at Satriale's and watch some strippers at the Bada Bing. They can enjoy the thrill of verbally assaulting enemies of the family.

"The Sopranos: Road to Respect" is based on seasons five and six of the HBO series. The storyline of the game is so detailed and well-designed that it almost feels like another episode of the show. The object of the game is to gain respect in the family and eventually get "made."

Sounds like a pretty simple task, but it has a catch. The character controlled by the player is the bastard son of Big Pussy. For those unfamiliar with the show, Big Pussy was one of Tony Soprano's top guys, but he was working for the FBI. Tony and his friends whacked Big Pussy in season two.

The challenge for players is to advance the character to a "made man" by carrying out jobs for the family, but at the same time he must prove that he is not a rat like his father. Earning money in the game moves the character up and gains him respect.

When the character's respect meter falls to zero, he gets whacked. Eventually in the game, the main character, Joey, starts a mob war between the Sopranos and a family from Philadelphia.

It is almost eerie how much the game feels like the show. The characters are identical to their television counterparts. The way they talk and the things they say are exactly what fans would expect.

There is an abnormally large script to this game, up to 12,000 lines. When talking to characters in the game, players get to choose the lines their character says. Lines can be "smooth" or "tough." For every line used, there are about ten new responses.

What stands out the most in "Road to Respect" is the scenery. The places the characters hang out in the game are the exact places the characters in the show hang out: The Bada Bing, Satriale's and Nuovo Vesuvio's, to name a few. The producers of the game actually found studio set blueprints from the television series and recreated them digitally to give the game a realistic feel.

A game with the Sopranos would not be complete without some hardcore fighting and a lot of swearing. Players get to inflict pain on enemies in ways unimaginable.

Snapping the limbs of your enemies or smashing heads in urinals is just the beginning. In the back of Satriale's, players can actually beat an enemy down with a pork chop. How great is that?

The producers watched all the episodes of the show and found all the unique ways people got killed or smacked around and added them to the game.

There is a feature in the game that allows the player to play poker with the family. The player can take the winnings and use them to buy locked items in the game and of course pay for lap dances.

"The Sopranos: Road to Respect" is a perfect extension to a television series that has won numerous Emmys and continues to be one of the most popular shows on network television.

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A lineup to leave you breathless



Source: www.godsmack.com

Breaking Benjamin and Godsmack performed in St. Paul, Minn last Saturday. The stellar performance was well worth the trip.



Chelsea Rickert

Entertainment Editor

Headliner Godsmack performed on Saturday night at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul, Minn. with Breaking Benjamin and Hour Cast.

Hour Cast opened the concert. The band's sound combines elements of metal, alternative and electronica, with all the bowel-numbing bass lines and cranium-splitting guitar riffs that a rock junkie could desire. Their high energy was evident not only in their music but also in their performance. Lead singer Patrick McBride bounced around the stage with an inviting white-toothed grin while the band performed songs off of their debut album, "State of Disgrace."

The soundtrack to the movie "Saw 3" includes the up-and-coming band's song "Sakkara," which they performed Saturday. Hour Cast hails from Boston, but McBride was born and raised in St. Paul, Minn. He expressed his joy at being back home at the end of their set by spotlighting his mother, who had not attended an Hour Cast performance prior to Saturday. McBride, along with the crowd, gave her a shout-out.

Apparently raising lighters in the air is old-fashioned now because McBride demanded people in the crowd to raise their cell phones up during one of their slower ballads titled "This Life." The auditorium was bathed in a bluish incandescent aura for a few moments before people realized that waving an

expensive electronic gadget around in a high-energy crowd was probably not the smartest idea. Everyone stuck to lighters for the rest of the night.

When Breaking Benjamin took the stage the crowd erupted in frenzy. The band began their set with the gut-rocking song from their "We Are Not Alone" album, "Breakdown." Ben Burnley, lead vocalist and guitarist, swooned at the microphone while the band ripped through songs from all three of their albums.

While the opening band's performance was high-energy and wild, Breaking Benjamin's performance was emotional and penetrating. The band promoted their third album, "Phobia," which was debuted at number two on the Billboard charts in August. The band has matured with this album, which harbors songs about difficult personal struggles and bears the logo "face your fears." They played their first single from the album, "Diary of Jane," followed by a moving rendition of "Dance with the Devil."

"We all have the Devil inside of us," said Burnley as he introduced the song to the screaming masses. He said "Dance with the Devil" is a song about fighting internal psychological, emotional and spiritual battles. Before exploding into a perfect rendition of the song, he added, "I, myself, have suffered from all of the above."

After Breaking Benjamin finished their set with "So Cold," Godsmack took the stage with full force.

The members of Godsmack seemed born to perform, as the stage took on a new shape with a huge backdrop screen and a tall staircase on which the lead

singer, Sully Erna, proudly strutted his stuff during parts of the band's performance. The band performed songs from all four albums, including chart toppers like "Keep Away," "I Stand Alone" and their most recent single off of "IV" titled "Shinedown."

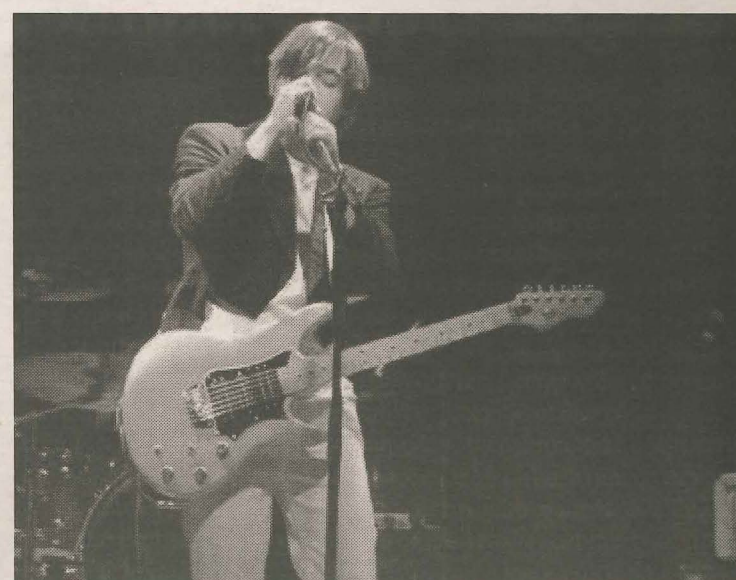
The backdrop screen showed the disturbing images from the music videos that many fans know and love. Pyrotechnics and other special effects like gunshots surprised the crowd from time to time.

At one point during Godsmack's show, the stage went completely dark and spotlighted Tony Rombola, the lead guitarist, playing an eerie acoustic melody, which lead directly into a pulse-elevating rendition of "Voodoo."

Erna, who played drums for over two decades before forming Godsmack, had a drum-off during the performance with Godsmack's drummer Shannon Larkin. Furiously attacking a second drum set on a moving high riser, Erna appeared from under the stage. The moving drum set approached Larkin's drum set, which was also on a moving high riser, challenging him with an expert drumming technique. Larkin and Erna dueled on drums much to the crowd's exhilaration, expertly flipping drum sticks high in the air and catching them one-handed without missing a raunchy beat.

Godsmack as a band has great stage presence and good chemistry during their concerts. Adoring fans can see from the pit how much fun the band has performing for them. The band's enthusiastic performance, coupled with great effects and a stellar performance, re-defines the ultimate rock concert.

Rock out at Rec Center



Source: www.myspace.com

Two Wisconsin-based bands with unique sound will be on campus for TNO. The lineup promises to be lively and memorable.

Jenna Wojan

Entertainment Writer

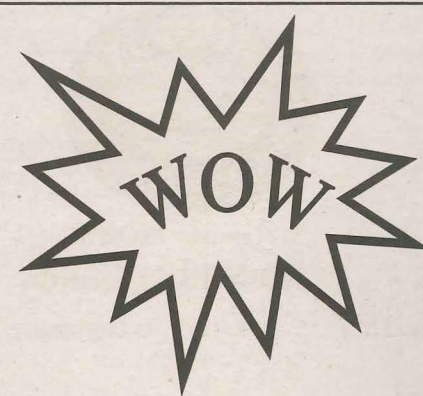
Alternative-rock band Polydread and electro-indie band Ellestrel will be playing in the Memorial Student Center Rec Center Thursday, Nov. 9 at 8 p.m.

Although hailing from Madison, Wis., Polydread originally started in Medford, Wis. The founders, Jon Knudson on lead vocals and Lucas Etten on bass grew up together and played in numerous bands, eventually forming Polydread in 1998. The group soon gained Eric LeMieux on guitar and in late 2004 Polydread became acquainted with drummer/producer, Britton Rice. Formerly of progressive rock band Lex Rex, Rice spent most of 2005 working with Polydread on their summer 2006 debut album, "A Rigid Shard of Balance: 1."

Their sound can be compared to groups such as Oasis, Foo Fighters, and Better Than

Ezra, but Polydread does not conform to any style, breaking the barriers and creating their own sound. Polydread weds a vision to a unified musical sound, bringing sunny toss-around tunes into the modern rock arena with clever songwriting and passionate performances.

Described as "remarkably handsome and ridiculously charming," lead singer and guitarist Gabriel Reed fronts the band Ellestrel, with multi-instrumentalist Max Justus. Ellestrel, a relatively new band from Madison, Wis., brings with them a unique electronic sound. Their album "Haunted" features four songs and demonstrates Ellestrel's considerable talent but leaves fans wanting a full-length album. Kiki Schueler, a music critic, notes that the EP "so perfectly blends the sophisticated pop laments of the Pernice Brothers with the indie electronic perk of Stars that it's darn close to pop nirvana."



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Kazakhstani reporter runs amok in America



Jerome Butchee

Entertainment Writer

Kazakhstani news reporter Borat, played by Sacha Baron Cohen, has been given a special assignment by his government; to document American ways of life. Given a film crew, Borat sets off for the United States in one of the truly most bizarrely funny road trips through the heartland of America.

Many will instantly recognize the character Borat from the British television series "Da Ali G Show."

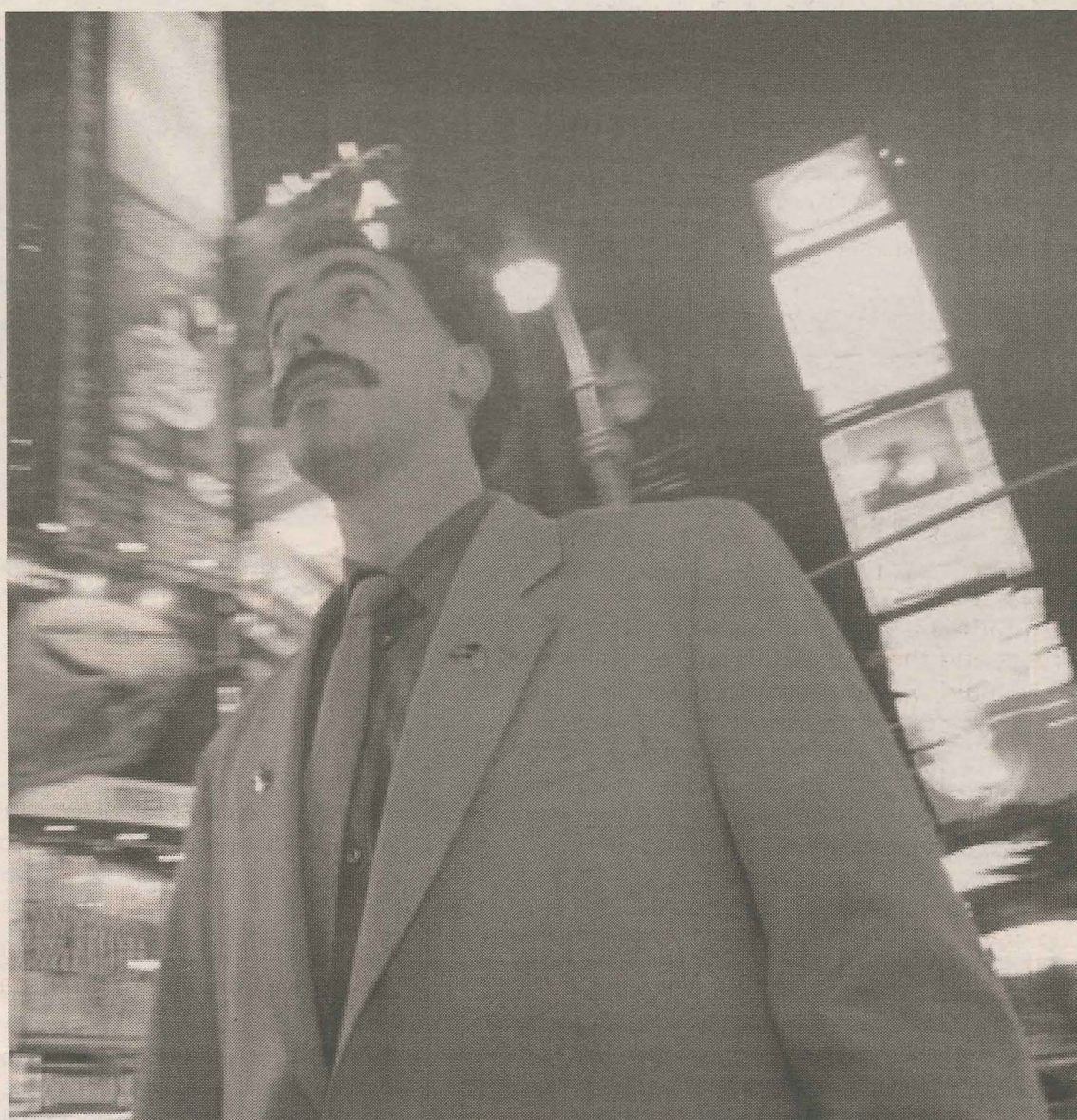
This show is hosted by Sacha Baron Cohen who plays three different personas, Ali G, a British Jamaican, Bruno, an Austrian fashion reporter, and Borat, a Kazakhstani news reporter.

These characters interview various people ranging from an average Londoner to government officials all around the world.

Cohen is so convincing that almost all of his interviewees never catch on to being part of a larger joke but instead think they are part of some legitimate television news show.

Many also believe that there is some sort of language barrier and never connect the dots, which makes them just flat out miss the jokes that Cohen fires at them.

What better person to ex-



Source: www.rottentomatoes.com

Baron Cohen's character "Borat" from the "Ali G. Show" explores cultural differences in a humorous light in this satirical documentary about a foreign reporter who is unaccustomed to American society.

plore the American way of life than Borat himself?

Starting off in New York, Borat is quickly introduced to big city living and pissed-off New Yorkers.

People's actual reactions are to either run away from the

self-introducing Borat or just threaten to beat his face in.

He quickly figures out that Kazakhstan is quite different than the United States and tries to learn American customs to fit in.

Through interviews with

people ranging from government officials to shop owners, Borat learns what it means to be an American.

Like any good news reporter, Borat happily explains how Kazakhstan is different with his broken English, and sadly these

people believe most of it.

These Kazakhstani customs become more and more outlandish as the film rolls on and he is accepted by the various people he talks to, with a confused look and then a slight smile.

His producer and fellow traveler, Azamat Bagatov, sets up meeting after meeting that usually end with the threat of the police being called. From singing the Kazakhstan national anthem to the melody of the United States anthem at a very patriotic rodeo to buying a bear and traveling with it in an ice cream truck scaring and drivers on the highway, Bagatov is there to help Borat with the documentary.

Eventually Borat is sidetracked by a quest to find and marry Pamela Anderson after watching Baywatch on television, and his road trip is diverted to California.

At this point, the movie becomes a little weak and material becomes stretched, but the ending of the movie completely makes up for this misstep and carries the laughter into the ending credits.

The jump from television to cinema has always been rocky with any genre, but Sacha Baron Cohen has proved that after many episodes with the character Borat, a movie had to be made.

Cohen successfully tops everything he has done in the television series with this movie while still keeping the same formula that makes the original character Borat, Borat.

"This movie, is a nice!"

"Heroes" spins compelling tale

Chris Moellering
Entertainment Writer

Monday night television is a crowded time slot. "Monday Night Football" and "WWE Raw" have controlled the ratings for years. For those of us who are not fans of watching half naked men grab each other and roll around in the mud, there is a new series on NBC called "Heroes," which provides a much needed break from the ordinary.

"Heroes" is a story of ordinary people spread across the globe who discover they can do extraordinary things. If life isn't difficult enough, these people have to find a way to live with their strange disorders.

Creator/writer Tim King does an amazing job of leaving viewers on the edge of their seats and dying to come back for more. At first, it seems as though "Heroes" is another sci-fi superhero series, but it is designed in a way that has even the biggest comic book fans in awe.

"Heroes" is not another Superman flyby, or another Batman bomb. It is not the same superhero story that has been played over and over for the last 60 years.

With a combination of a solid story, script and a cast, "Heroes" is something else entirely.

Each character on the show has a specific power that either aids or hinders their chaotic lives. Having a super power might sound like a dream come true, but tell that to 17-year-old cheerleader Claire Bennet. She had a steel rod shoved through her neck and has fell 80 feet to the ground, but did not get a scratch. Sure she may be indestructible, but she still has SATs to take, and what exactly would her adoptive parents do if they found out?

Isaac Mendez might seem like an ordinary strung-out artist, doing whatever it takes to get his next fix, but when his paintings start showing the future, it becomes clear that he is anything but ordinary.

With her husband running from the law, Niki Sanders tries her best to support herself and her son by stripping. When she gets herself in debt to a Las Vegas mobster, it's time for her mirror image to come out and take control. The problem is that her mirror image is not as friendly

as the real Niki Sanders.

Matt Parkman is down on his luck as a low-level cop who failed the detective test three times. Parkman's luck changes when he discovers that he can read people's thoughts, but when his wife's thoughts reveal her promiscuous behavior, Parkman's life becomes even more complicated.

Hiro Nakamura is a non-conformist dreamer working in a cubicle. All he wants to do is stop time and go back, and by some miracle he learns that he can.

Then there is the hospice nurse Peter Petrelli who is sick of living in the shadow of his politician brother. Petrelli is a dreamer in every sense of the word. He has dreams of flying, but recently the dreams have come true.

These characters and more come together in this extraordinary Monday-night drama. "Heroes" is in its seventh week and the story continues to unfold as new heroes are found and old heroes learn to use their powers.

"Heroes" can be seen Monday nights at 8 p.m. on NBC.



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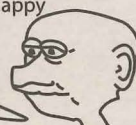
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by Drew Retherford



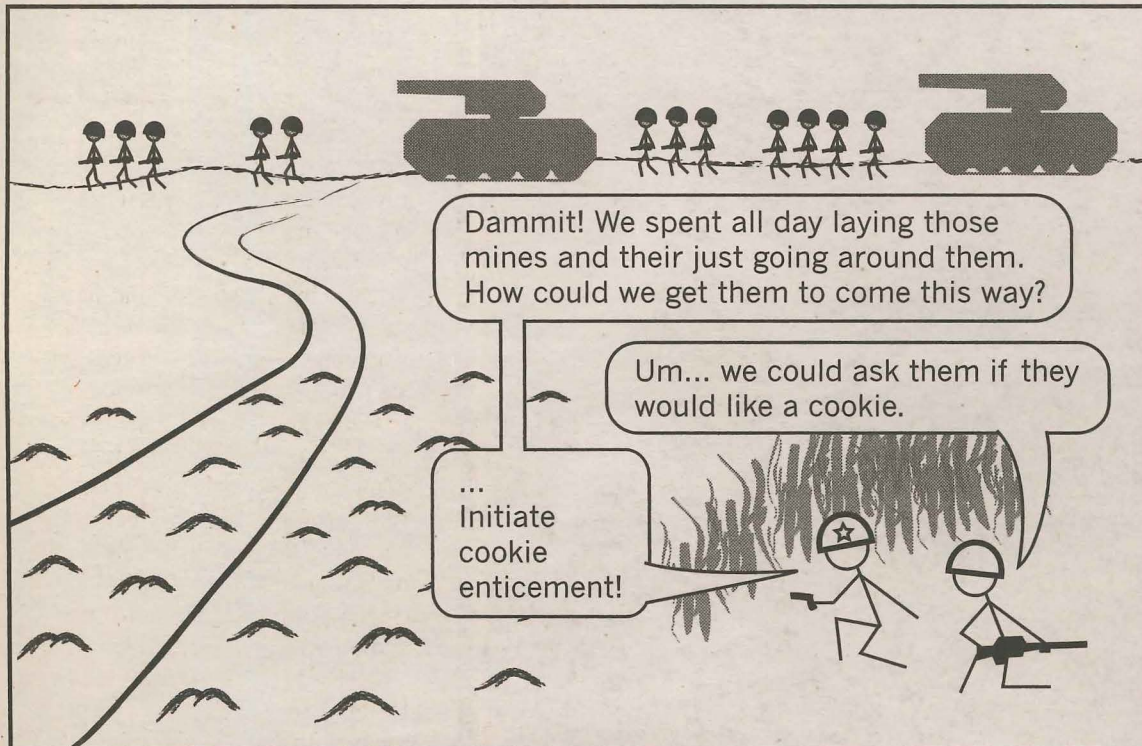
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Weather won't stop intramural volleyball

By Josh Parshley
Sports Writer

It may be getting colder outside, but that won't stop the intramural volleyball players, who hit the indoor courts Oct. 29. The sport consists of two different leagues, a women's league and a corecreational league.

While it may be too cold to play volleyball out in the sand, these leagues give participants the opportunity to play indoors.

The rules for indoor volleyball are slightly different than sand volleyball. There are six players on the court instead of four, which allows more people to get in on the action.

"Volleyball is a good way to keep in shape," said freshman David Schwab. He said that the intramural sports keep him active. He is part of an intramural CoRec volleyball team as well as a men's basketball team.

Schwab also said that the intramural sports are nice since you don't have to spend day after day practicing, which consumes a lot of free time.

With more players on the court, the aspect of teamwork is that much more important.

There is an additional rule put in place for the CoRec league: after the ball is served, a male and female must hit the

ball before it can go back over the net.

The only way this rule can be avoided is if a team only contacts the ball once to put it back over the net. This rule makes the game more interesting and gets everyone involved.

"The games are pretty fun, and sometimes we get quite intense," said Schwab.

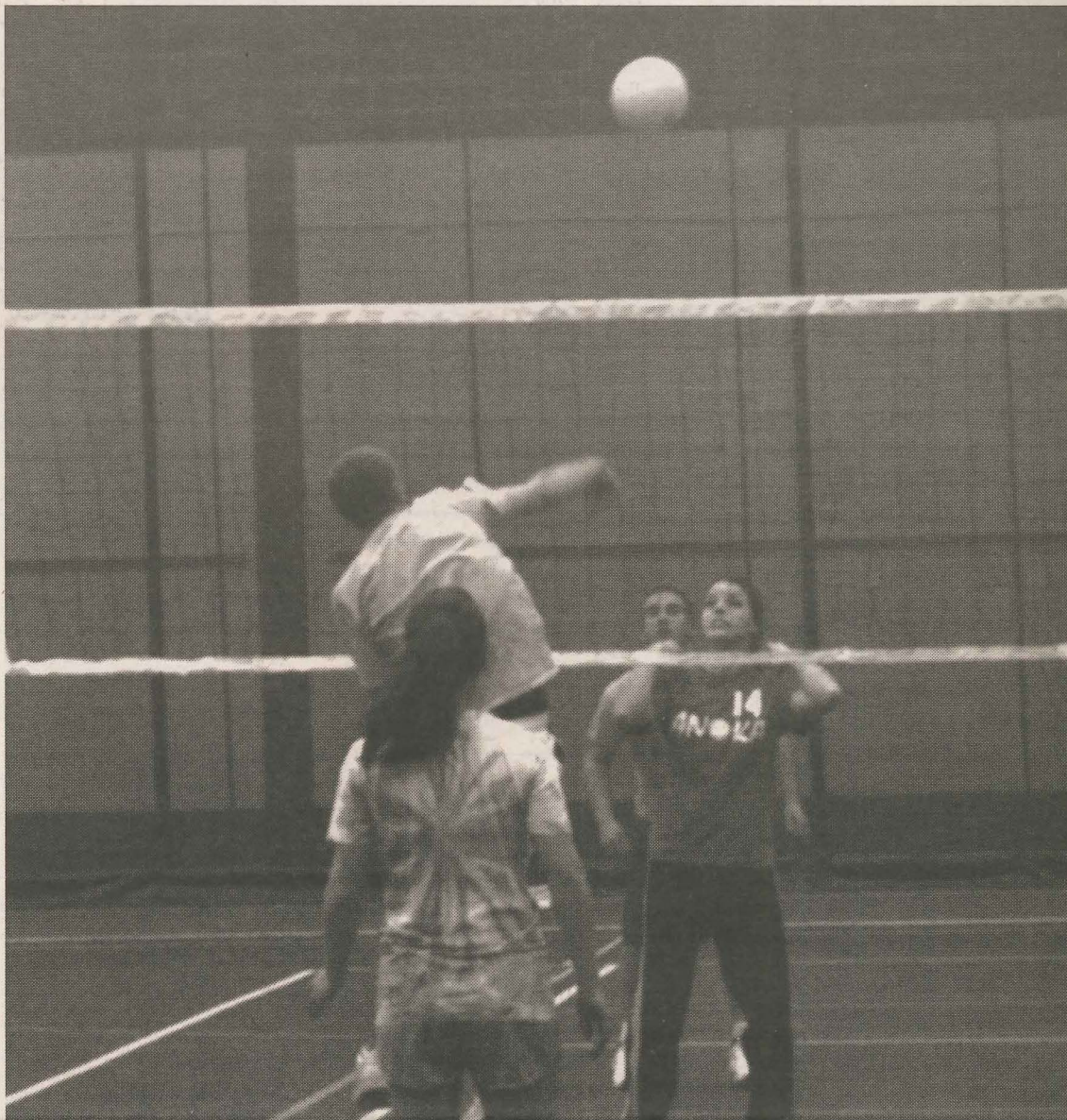
He said that everyone seems to have a good time. Even if you are not the best at volleyball, you can still play. That means no one is left out.

Schwab said that while the games may get very competitive, it does not take away from the fun.

It is not often that men get the opportunity to play in a volleyball league, but UW-Stout intramural volleyball gives them this chance.

The games are held in the multi-purpose room of the Johnson Fieldhouse.

The CoRec teams play Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights, starting at 7:15 p.m. The women's teams play Wednesday nights, starting at 8:45 p.m.



Mitch Lewis/Stoutonia

Intramural volleyball is a great way for students to stay in shape and have a good time. There are women's and corecreational teams so men and women alike can join in the fun.

Competition without heavy commitment

By Josh Parshley
Sports Writer

The intramural basketball league began competition Oct. 29. The league consists of three different types of teams, men's, women's and CoRec. Each team is required to pay \$40 to play.

"I just love basketball," said senior Bryan Weichelt, a psychology major. "The games are fun; the referees pretty much just let you play." One drawback, however, is that players are not allowed to dunk in the league.

The teams seem to have a lot of fun. The games are held in the multi-purpose room in the Johnson Fieldhouse and usually start at 7 p.m. The CoRec league plays on Sunday nights, the men's league plays on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights, and the women's league plays on Thursday nights.

"There are a lot of athletes out here," said Weichelt. He has played college basketball for two years, giving him the opportunity to compare college-level and intramural basketball.

Weichelt said that the competition in the intramural league comes close to the competition in college basketball. However, there is less discipline and teamwork and more one-on-one situations.

While it seems that the teams are competitive, it is still a fun-filled atmosphere. Everyone



Mitch Lewis/Stoutonia

Intramural basketball allows players to be competitive without the referees interference and without a lot of time commitment.

is allowed to play. The games are fun to be a part of, whether playing on a team or just watching from the sidelines. The intramural basketball league lets everyone have a chance to indulge in the fun.

For more information about

other intramural sports offered, visit their homepage at <http://www.uwstout.edu/univrec/ims-ports/main.html>.



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HOCKEY (2-0-1) Final 6-6

Hockey scored three goals in the last two minutes of the game to tie Gustavus Adolphus
Next Game:
Fri., Nov. 10 at St. John's University



FOOTBALL (3-6) Final (49-0)

Second ranked UW-Whitewater defeated UW-Stout 49-0 with at least one touchdown per quarter and four in the second quarter
Next game:
Sat., Nov. 11, hosting UW-Stevens Point



Football hosts final season game

By Megan McCarthy
Sports Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout Blue Devils' football team started the season with hope and determination and is ending it the same way.

"We're losing a lot of good seniors, but we should have another big senior class to fill their shoes," said running back Tony Otto, a junior in business administration. The team started with 135 players during training camp and was narrowed down to 100 players after camp.

The first days of camp are usually the worst, and the players feel it days later. The rush of starting a new season in which the team had to work harder, get faster, and be better than last year eased the pain of training harder.

There is no feeling like starting a new season, and there is no smell like the one that emanates from jerseys and shoes after a season of brutal games.

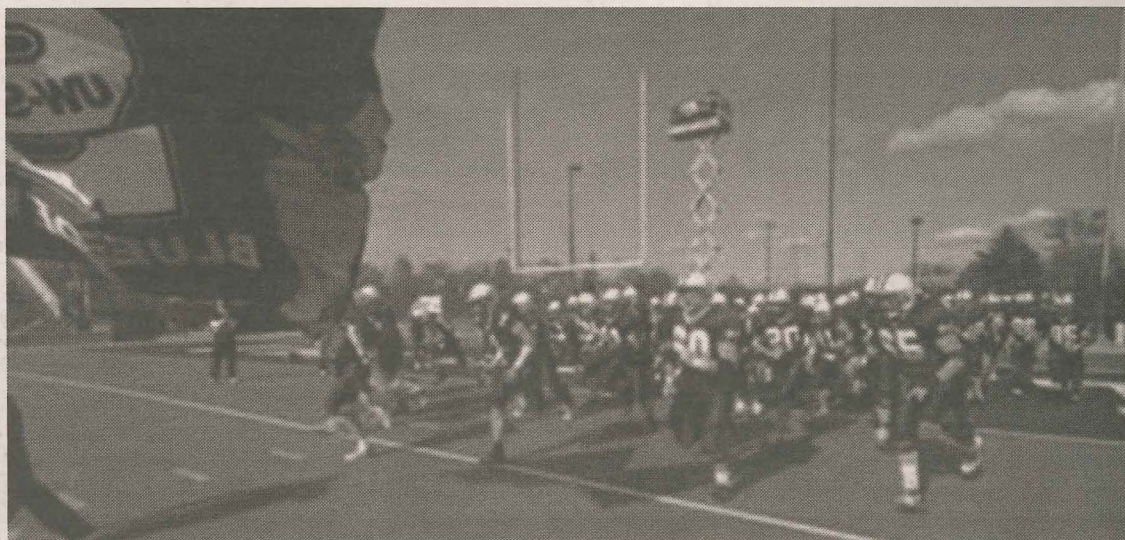
The Blue Devils started their season with a win against William Penn 25-18 and then beat Upper Iowa 36-34. The season was looking good and spirits were high. But were their spirits too high?

The Blue Devils lost their next three games against Whitworth College, 13-14, the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, 27-31, and the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, 21-23.

The Blue Devils lost four games by less than four points, but this didn't discourage the team. Homecoming was against UW-Stout's arch rival, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

The team picked themselves up and beat the Bugolds 14-6. However, the football team has since lost the last three games against the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

"This group has gone through many hardships, trials of their will and drive, and through all of this they have stayed together and played again and again for



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The football team enters their last game with a record of 3-6. They host UW-Stevens Point Sat., Nov 11.

the man next to them," said wide receiver coach John Phillips.

The season isn't over, and their biggest focus now is the final game. It will be played at home, and it is senior day.

After this game, the team has time off to concentrate on school, and then they start conditioning when they return from Christmas break.

"This was a great group of men that really gave their all to represent this university," said coach Todd Strop. "I want to thank them as well as the entire campus and community for their support."

ATHLETE Week

THE FACTS: Volleyball: Senior Jenny McDermid from Oconto Falls, Wis. majoring in interior design is the athlete of the week.

McDermid was named honorable mention for the all-WIAC volleyball team for two years running. She played in 109 of 110 games, finishing the season with 243 kills.



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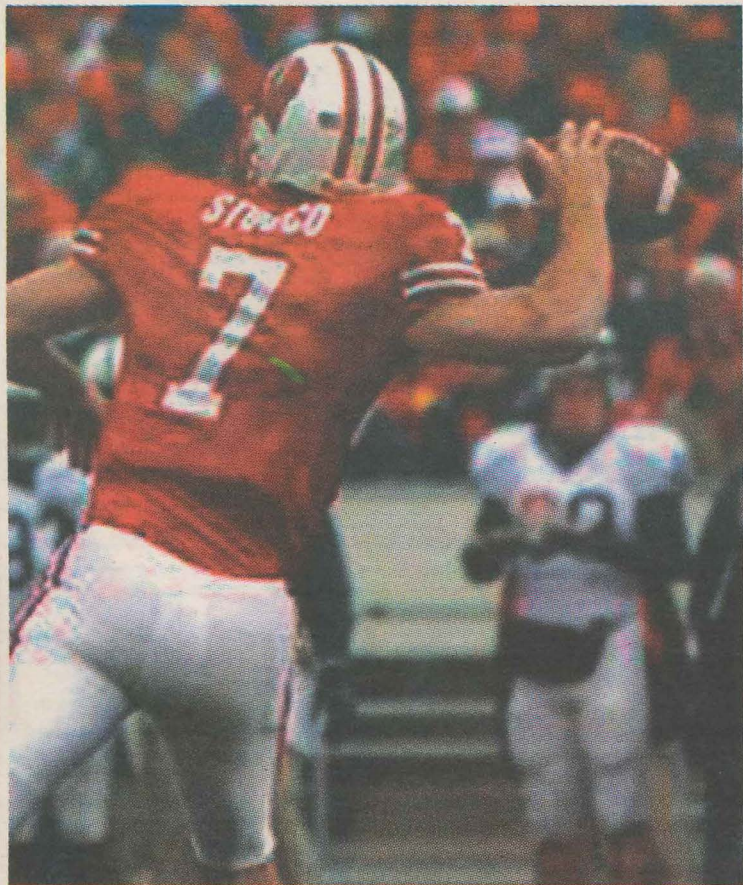
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The Badgers boost their record to 9-1 with a win against Penn. State. Next week they face the Buffalo Bulls of the University at Buffalo.

By Joshua E. Fox
Sports Writer

The 15th ranked Wisconsin Badgers football team is having another incredible season.

They have won six of their last seven games and are currently ranked 16th in the Associated Press, USA Today's and Harris and Coaches Polls, and ranked 15th in the Bowl Championship Series.

They have a 6-1 record in the Big Ten Conference and are 9-1 overall. They have outscored their opponents this season 304-119 with 103 of those points from second quarters. They are also averaging 384.3 yards per game and 5.8 yards per play.

The team's leading rusher is P.J. Hill with 245 rushes for 1,399 yards and 13 touchdowns, with the longest rush at 60 yards.

The team's leading receiver is Travis Beckum with 43 receptions for 616 yards and three touchdowns, with the longest reception at 41 yards.

Zach Hampton is the lead punt returner with 27 returns for

165 yards, including a 29-yard return.

P.J. Hill and Taylor Mehlhaff are the Badger's leading scorers with 84 and 76 points, respectively. The leader in defense is Mark Zalewski with 45 solo and 30 assisted tackles; he also has two sacks and two interceptions.

The Badgers have two games left this season. Saturday, Nov. 11, the Badgers will face the Iowa Hawkeyes, a long-time rival from their conference.

The 6-4 Hawkeyes have won the last four games against the Badgers. The Badgers and Hawkeyes will be battling for the Heartland Trophy, which is a bull mounted on a walnut base.

The series between the Badgers and Hawkeyes is a close one. After 81 games, the Hawkeyes have a slight lead at 40-39-2.

Finally, the Badgers will face the 2-7 Buffalo Bulls of the University at Buffalo on Saturday, Nov. 18 at Camp Randall Stadium in Madison, Wis.

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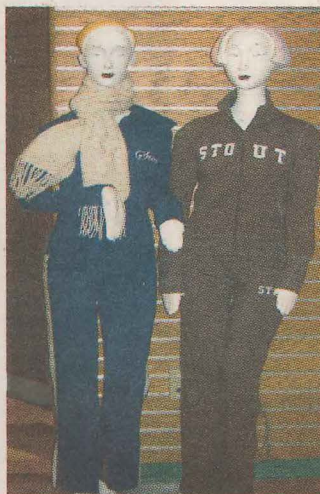
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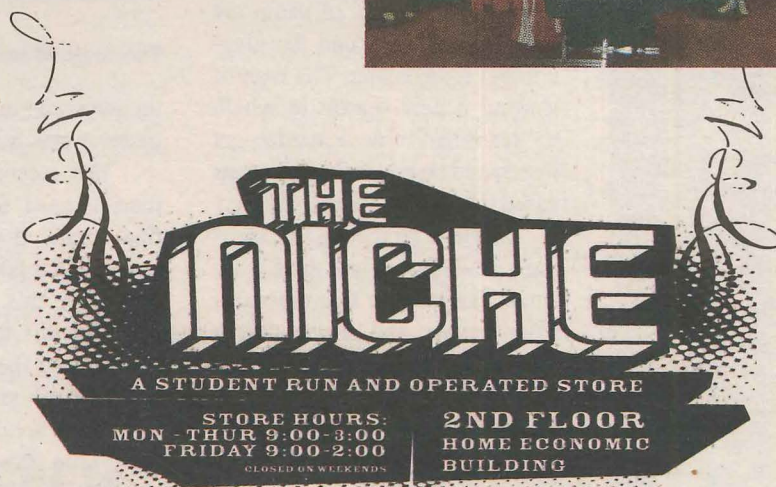
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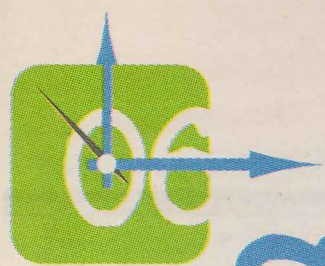
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Mable Tainter Theater to undergo total renovation

By Xander Moser
Chief Copy Editor

The Mabel Tainter Theater on Main Street is nearing the beginning of the construction phase of a total renovation. The renovation will include a complete repair of the plumbing, electrical and structural systems, as well as a restoration of the interior decorations.

Planning for the renovation began three years ago. The plans have evolved since then and are now ready to be handed over to the construction crews.

However, some of the desired changes have yet to be decided on. The decision is dependent on the amount of funds that will be available.

The most recently awarded grant for the project was from the Jeffris Family Foundation of Janesville, Wis. in the amount of \$38,500. This will cover half of the cost of a study that must be done for the renovation.

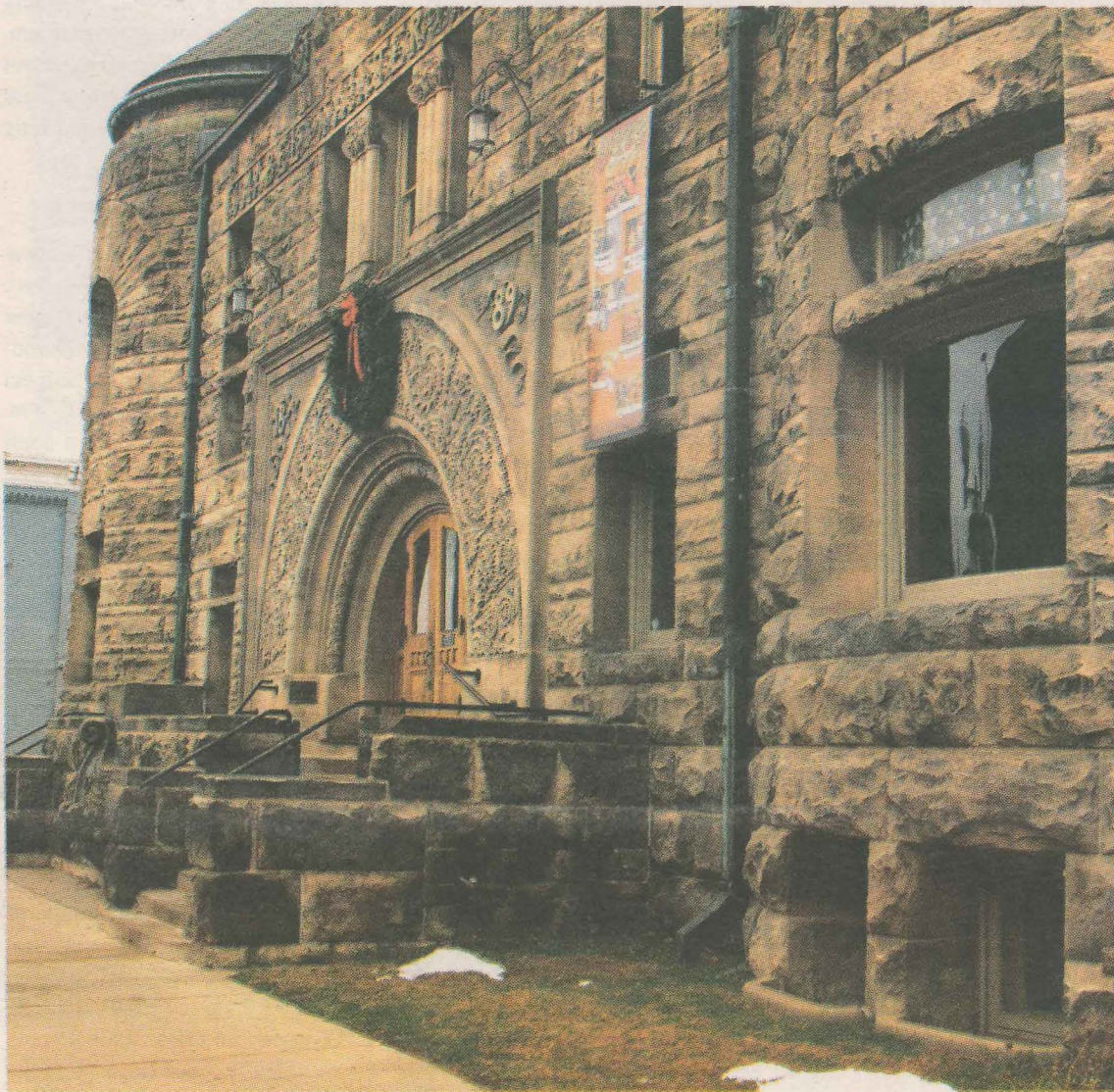
"To qualify for a Jeffris grant, you must first complete a historic structures report," said Gary Schuster, executive director of Mabel Tainter. Research for the historic structures report is set to begin within the next couple months and be completed in February 2007. After the report is completed, a budget will be formed and the official application for the Jeffris grant will be filled out in June 2007.

While the historic structures report is being compiled, construction on the outside of the theater is set to begin in November. However, if the ground freezes too early, then the construction will be postponed until next spring.

A new north annex is the first thing set to be constructed. This addition will include a large entryway, a new master staircase, an elevator and new bathrooms.

Also included in this construction are plans to repair the outdated electrical and plumbing systems of the theater.

The main focus for the



Stacie McCormack/Stoutonia

The plans to renovate the Mable Tainter Theater, which were started three years ago, are now being put into action.

first phase of construction is building safety. The current bathrooms in the building are not compliant with building codes, and the renovations will fix this issue. Including an elevator in the north annex will also allow wheelchair access to the building.

"We anticipate closing about May 20 or 21 and we'll be closed through September," said Schuster.

While the theater is closed, some services, such as the Laura Ingalls Wilder Historic Highway gateway, will still be available.

Phase two of the renovation will involve the interior decorations and furnishings of the Mabel Tainter Theater. Plans for the interior renovation are not yet final.

"Once we determine the cost, we'll look at the critical areas," said Schuster. Parts of

the theater have been renovated in the last 50 years, but a complete renovation of the theater is still the goal of the project.

One aspect of the theater

targeted the renovation is seating. The seats that are in the theater are original seats; they have only been reupholstered once in a past renovation.

Difficulties with voting spur petition

By Tracy Considine
News Editor

University of Wisconsin-Stout student Katie Johnston, along with some friends, has started a petition involving the difficulties students face when attempting to vote for various elections on campus. She was actually turned away from the voting stands when she tried to vote last week.

"A couple of people in front of us and a few behind us were turned away just like we were," said Johnston, a multimedia major.

Johnston and her friends



Katie Johnston

believe that voting has become increasingly difficult when it is not done in hometown districts.

Students have had trouble verifying their home address-

es because of the frequency in which they change addresses.

"I brought mail to verify my address, but it wasn't valid because it wasn't official," said Johnston. "All of my bills are sent to my home address."

The SSA supports Johnston's petition. The Legislative Affairs Committee is currently debating the best form of communication to change the way voting is done. They expect to bring the issue before city council this coming Monday night, Nov. 20.

"We are looking for ways to make voting easier for stu-

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Students help dodge testicular cancer

By Cassie Davis
News Writer

Colleges Against Cancer will be hosting the second annual Protect Your Balls Dodgeball Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 2 to raise awareness for testicular and prostate cancer.

Melissa McDonald, a senior in early childhood education and the president of University of Wisconsin-Stout's chapter of Colleges Against Cancer, said the event is a day to come out and have fun and learn about testicular and prostate cancer.

The American Cancer Society estimates that there will be 8,250 new cases of testicular cancer and 234,460 new cases of prostate cancer by the end of this year.

Next to skin cancer, prostate cancer is the most common type of cancer among American men. It is estimated that 1 in 6 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer and that 1 in 34 will die from it.

The Protect Your Balls Dodgeball Tournament will be held in the Multipurpose Room of the Sports and Fitness Center on Dec. 2. Registration will begin at 12:30 p.m. and the tournament will start at 1 p.m.

"We had 13 teams last year and will hopefully get 13 or more this year," said McDonald.

Teams will consist of six to eight members. There are no restrictions placed on who can be on a team. McDonald said teams can be all male, all female or co-ed.

McDonald said there will not be heavy competition because there is no cash prize. It is just a fun way to get out of the cold and support a good cause.

The event will be a double-elimination tournament and will follow intramural sports rules.

Interested students are encouraged to pick up a registration pamphlet and return it to

the Student Organization Center desk or to Melissa McDonald by Friday, Nov. 17. Teams can also register at the door the day of the event.

Registration for a team of six costs \$36. Any additional team member, up to a total of eight, will cost another \$7. All proceeds from the registration fees will go toward a donation to the American Cancer Society.

If teams register by the deadline, they will receive a free T-shirt for the event.

Teams can register after the deadline, but T-shirts will not be guaranteed.

For more information contact Melissa McDonald at mcdonaldme@uwstout.edu. To find out more information about testicular and prostate cancer, pick up one of the registration packets or visit the American Cancer Society Web site at www.cancer.org.

NEWS for the college attention span

Drunk driver kills family

In New Mexico, Dana Papst was driving the wrong way on Interstate 25 under the influence of alcohol when he hit and killed a family of five. The family was in a minivan heading home from a soccer tournament. Papst's blood-alcohol content was four times the state's legal limit. Dana Papst died not long after the accident.

Threatening letters

More than a dozen letters containing white powder were sent to House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, a California Democrat, and other politicians. Suspect Chad Conrad Castagana is now in custody and awaiting a court appearance. He was seen by FBI agents depositing several letters at a public mailbox in Los Angeles.

What about "Don Knotts"?

Andy Griffith of "The Andy Griffith Show" has sued a Wisconsin man who legally changed his name to Andrew Jackson Griffith while running for Grant County post. The lawsuit violated trademark and copyright laws. The lawsuit reads that the former Fenrick changed his name to "take advantage of Griffith's notoriety in an attempt to gain votes."

Overpay on eBay: PS3

Strict regulations on the sale of the new PS3 before their introduction to the market on Friday, Nov. 24, are being imposed by eBay. Currently there are approximately 3,000 PS3s auctioned on eBay. They are only allowed to be auctioned and cannot be sold as "buy it now" items. Some PS3s are going for over \$2,000 when the retail price is around \$500. Those who wish to sell PS3s on eBay must be an established vendor, have 50 previous customers and 98-100 positive rating points. Listings must include photo, preorder receipt and guarantee shipment within 30 days.

New and improved Wal-mart

As the holiday season is approaching, Wal-Mart is hoping to convince shoppers to buy fashion instead of the basics. Target, their main competitor, is known for their trendy clothes at good prices, and Wal-Mart is now attempting to compete at the same level. Their George clothing line is trendier than the usual basics they have stocked before.

Ringling elsewhere

The Target Corporation is once again keeping Salvation Army bell ringers from ringing bells outside store doors. However, Target is donating a thousand dollars to the Salvation Army and is selling Salvation Army ornaments and donating the proceeds.

Target also agreed to put a link on their Web site to accept donations. Salvation Army spokespeople say they are not upset by the change as the new plan will generate more money for the Salvation Army.

Fly? It's faster to walk.

New York airline Comair has an issue with delayed flights. According to a monthly U.S. Transportation Department report, 25 of 50 of the most frequently delayed flights were Comair flights, and the absolutely latest flight arrivals belonged to Comair. A rush-hour flight from JFK to Washington Reagan National Airport landed late 100 percent of the time in September and was 79 minutes late, on average, for a flight that should take only an hour.

Comair says they are working to improve flight efficiency.

First Muslim in Congress

Keith Ellison converted to Islam during college and last week was elected as the first Muslim in Congress by the state of Minnesota. He said his race and religion weren't as important as issues such as Iraq and health insurance.

Why do homework?



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From right to left: Nick Nicholson, Ben Nicholson and a random ne'er-do-well took full advantage of the freshly fallen snow and built a snow fort to pass the day.

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A multicultural celebration

By Candice Maier
News Writer

The annual International Dinner was hosted by the University of Wisconsin-Stout in the Great Hall of the Memorial Student Center during the evening of Saturday, Nov. 11. The dinner, along with the unique and diverse exhibitions and cultural show, was presented by the International Relations Club, associated with the Office of International Education.

The events began at 4:30 p.m. in the upper level of the MSC. All three ballrooms were opened for cultural booths and exhibits. Patriotic flags, along with colorful artwork and handicrafts, represented each nation.

People native to each country dressed in traditional clothing and provided information on the cultural aspects of their individual countries. One example of the exotic attire featured that night was a Japanese kimono made from weavings of silk and cotton.

According to the cultural presentation, certain patterns of clothing signify maturation of age. For instance, more brightly colored and bold patterns were worn on young children, whereas older participants wore more detailed dresses.

The dinner featured food from Japan, China, Korea, Ne-



Jenna Wojan/Stoutonia

Korawan Muangmode shows her flashily authentic Thai costume, representing an anthropomorphic bird, at the international dinner.

pal, India, Italy, Sweden, Norway and Mexico.

Following a welcome from the master of ceremonies, Provost Julie Furst-Bowe, audiences were treated with the parade of flags, presented by the members of the International Relations Club.

The final event of the evening was a cultural show featuring humorous skits, fascinating dances and musical performances. The show began and ended with a wonderfully choreo-

graphed dance influenced by European and Mexican traditions.

A world fashion show, with inspiring performances by Trinidadian, Indian and Nigerian students, fascinated the audience, bringing some to their feet to dance.

For further information on how to get involved with next year's annual International Dinner, check out <http://www.uwstout.edu/student/irc/index.htm> or contact IRC president Bo Keun Chung.

Students keep on clickin' on in MSC

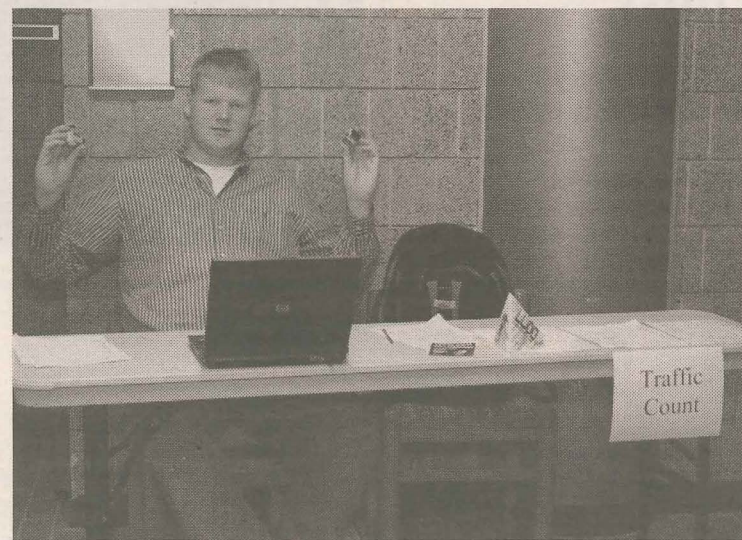
By Xander Moser
Chief Copy Editor

If you walked into the Memorial Student Center on Tuesday, chances are you were being watched. Student employees of the university centers were posted in the MSC to count the number of people who entered the building at various points.

The university has been performing these traffic checks annually since 1995. However, since last year these traffic checks are being performed in another building as well.

"We've always done it in [the MSC]," said Karen Lund, marketing specialist for Student Life Promotions. "Last year was the first year we did it at Merle Price Commons." The traffic in the Merle Price Commons building was counted on Wednesday.

The traffic checks are usually performed on the second Tuesday in November, a date which was decided to have a "normal" amount of traffic. Lund said that they are careful not to perform the traffic checks on days which would draw more or less people than usual, for example, if a special event was being held near the MSC or if the weather was ex-



Jeremy Nelson/Stoutonia

Students help UW-Stout tally traffic in campus buildings.

tremely good or bad.

Only the people that enter the building were counted, not those who simply walked past the tables where the employed students were sitting. This helped prevent people from being counted multiple times.

In 2005 random people were selected to complete surveys, said Lund. These surveys were intended to give the university an idea of what students did in the MSC and how their needs could be met.

The majority of the people taking the survey came to the MSC to eat, while the second most popular reason was to pass time between classes.

In the past 10 years the amount of traffic in the MSC has steadily decreased. The total number of people recorded entering the building one day in 1995 was 6,077, while the number of people in 2005 was only 5,014.

The results from the traffic checks, along with compiled data from the retail centers in the MSC, are used to decide what hours the MSC is open. Also, results from the survey conducted earlier this year by Brailsford and Dunlavey of Washington, D.C., will be combined with these traffic statistics in planning for the redesigning of the MSC.

Need help with tuition?

Sallie Mae offers scholarship resources

Sallie Mae, the nation's leading saving-and-paying-for-college company, reminds students to do their scholarship homework and search for 'free money' scholarships to pay for college.

Information about billions of dollars in scholarship awards is available online at CollegeAnswer.com, Sallie Mae's online college-planning resource. The Web site gives students free access to the largest online scholarship search service, with a database containing more than 2.4 million scholarships worth in excess of \$15 billion.

Scholarships may be awarded based on financial need, merit or a combination of the two. Scholarship eligibility requirements vary depending on the type of scholarship and the organization making the award.

Criteria may be based on academic performance, financial need, religious affiliation, minority status, heritage, community affiliations or a unique set of qualifications important to the organization providing funds.

Students might be surprised to find scholarships for lefties, skateboarders and poker players.

Application requirements may include writing an essay, passing a written exam or demonstrating a level of proficiency or competence in a given area.

"You do not have to be the class valedictorian or the captain of the football team to get a college scholarship," said Martha Holler, a Sallie Mae spokesperson. "With a little time and effort, students can make paying for their dream school a whole lot easier than they think. All it takes is a few clicks, and you have a wealth of scholarship information and free money at your fingertips."

To access information on the scholarships included in the free scholarship search at CollegeAnswer.com, students complete an online student profile form and answer questions about academics, family background, career interests, extra-curricular activities, work experience, college plans and more.

Within seconds of submitting the form students receive a customized online list of potential scholarships including the award amount, eligibility criteria, deadline date and the

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City of Menomonie

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SNOW REMOVAL FROM SIDEWALKS AND WALKWAYS

City Ordinances require removal of snow and ice from all sidewalks and walkways in the city of Menomonie to the full width of the sidewalk or walkway no later than 12:00 noon on the day following the end of the snowfall.

Property owners/tenants not complying are subject to a citation of no more than \$100 for the first offense plus the cost of prosecution. If city forces are directed to remove the snow and ice, these expenses will be in addition to the citation charge. Unpaid charges will become a lien against the property and collected on the tax roll.

Tenants should check their lease agreements to determine if they are responsible for the snow and ice removal. If you are leaving town please make arrangements for the maintenance. The cooperation by all city residents will help ensure convenient and safe pedestrian travel during the winter months.

Information is also available on the city website.
www.menomonie-wi.gov

Ally center holds disability dialogue

By Jenny Stabenow
News Writer

About 18 percent of Americans in 2002 said they have a disability, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. A group within the Memorial Student Center held a disability awareness dialogue Tuesday night. The objective was to discuss disabilities as a group without any judgment.

The dialogue started out with a group activity concern-

ing what disabilities students would rather have given four choices. The choices included blindness, a learning disability, paraplegia or a mental illness. Most people chose either blindness or a learning disability.

"Mental illness is the one thing I couldn't handle," said Donna Weber from the Equal Opportunity office. "A loss of control over everything."

After the group chose their "preferred" disability, they

spoke of why they chose it over others. One student said of blindness, "Even if you can't see, you have your other senses to take over."

A disability etiquette handbook was passed out along with information on specific disabilities.

The Ally Center holds many informational dialogues to allow people a time to discuss what is going on in the world around them.

Petition/ hoping to make voting easier

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dents as there are such large voting districts and it has become harder to show proof of residency for students who change addresses often," said Steven Anderson, director of legislative affairs for the SSA.

The following is Johnston's petition:

"In the 2004 presidential election, 72 percent of citizens 55 and older voted, while only 47 percent of 18 to 24-year-old citizens voted. This study done by the U.S. Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/prod/2006pubs/p20-556.pdf>) states that the key difference between these groups is registration.

"It is believed that young adults move more often and do not want to re-register as often

in order to vote. So, why do we make it so difficult to register for these people?

"As a college student, I recognize that it is made very difficult for us to register. Many college students do not have bills sent to their houses at school, but rather send them to their parents' houses, because of their frequent moving around. Un-official mail brought to the polls is not accepted, as it could be 'fake.' This makes it difficult for us to produce such documents to prove that we have lived in the town for 10 days, and many of us who do in fact want to vote, and put in the effort to do so, are turned away because of improper proof of address.

"I believe that many more college students would vote if

they were allowed to! This is a petition to change the way that voting registration is done for college students in the state of Wisconsin.

"If a college student registers for an absentee ballot, the local district should inform the school. Then the school can mark those students off of their list of the students attending. Then, with the use of student IDs and driver's licenses, the students should be able to vote, without proof of address in the town to show that they have lived there for 10 days.

"Dead people and other fraud voters can vote absentee, why is it so difficult for students to vote in the area that they go to school in?"

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provider's contact information. Students can organize the customized list by favorites, and they can remove scholarships they do not want to apply for.

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A purse for lunch

On Monday, Nov. 6 a purse was stolen from underneath a desk in the Sports and Fitness Center. The owner of the purse was on her lunch break and had left her door open and unlocked. Currently there are no suspects.

While you were sleeping

On Sunday, Nov. 5 two roommates were asleep in their dorm room in Milnes Hall when an unidentified person stole several items from the room. They had left their door unlocked as they slept. Items such as a laptop, debit card, Xbox console, a University of Wisconsin-Stout ID and dorm room keys were taken.

Mysterious elevator call

Police received a 911 call from elevator 2 in Red Cedar Hall on Friday, Nov. 10. Officers responded but found noth-

ing. The caller is unknown and everything seemed to be in working order.

Snowballs stopped

South Hall residents complained of noise from a group of students who were having a snowball fight outside the dorm. Officials asked the group to keep the noise down and to stop throwing snowballs.

Fog machine fire alarm

North Hall's fire alarms went off because of a fog machine that was used for the Boxes and Walls display in the basement. Campus and Menomonie Police came in response to the alarm. They found the fog machine and a disabled resident on the second floor that needed assistance. The hall director was contacted. Plans have been made to avoid future situations.

Hit and run

A vehicle hit another vehicle in parking lot 14 on Wednesday, Nov. 8. Minor damage was done to one of the vehicle's front bumpers.

FACT

The term "dog days" has nothing to do with dogs. It dates back to Roman times, when it was believed that Sirius, the Dog Star, added its heat to that of the sun from July 3 to August 11, creating exceptionally high temperatures. The Romans called the period *dies canicular*, or "days of the dog."

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Staff Editorial

The Stoutonia Staff

Home sweet home. A place of comfort and relaxation or of cumbersome crisis?

For many it is both. However, for many students, off-campus housing leaves more than something to be desired. Granted most of us realize that mass college housing at most schools is not going to be top-notch, unless you happen to live in a fraternity or sorority house,

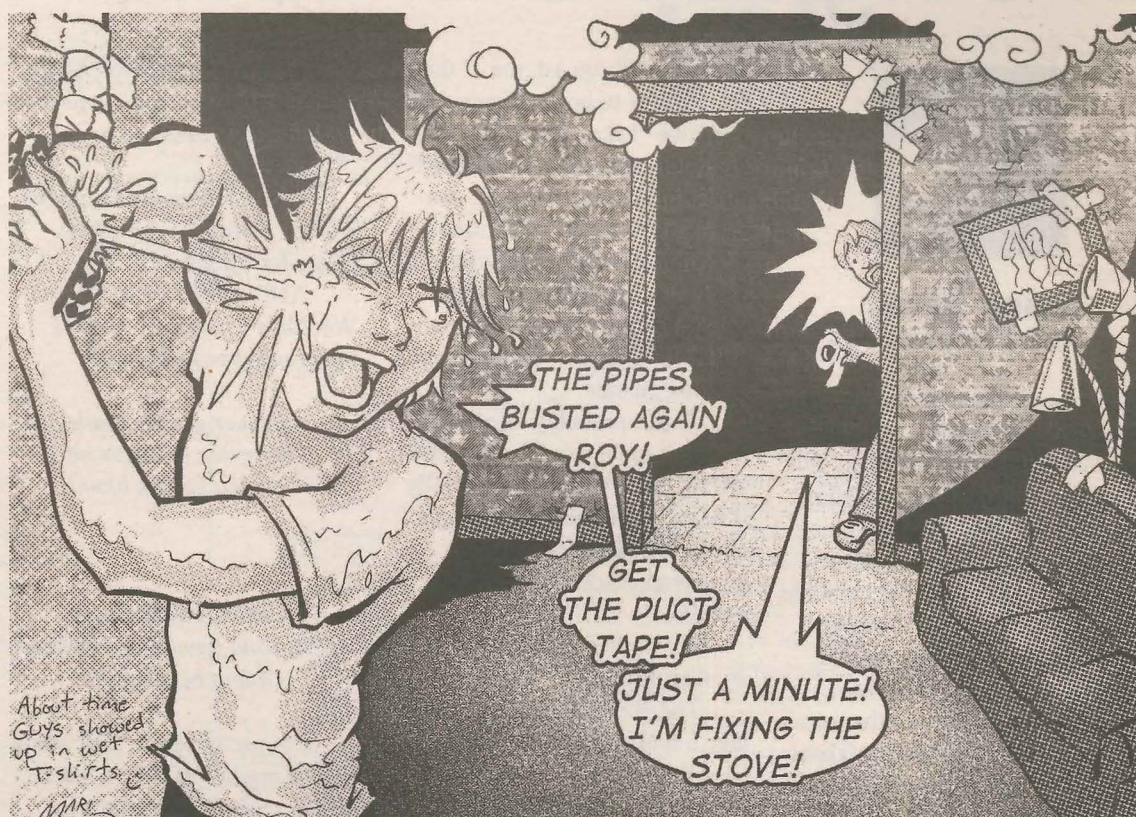
in which case quality may vary more widely. But, there are still many dilemmas and chaotic situations students would not have to deal with if their landlords were a bit more respectful and if the houses were kept in better shape.

Although Menomonie's housing may not exactly be a "ghetto," there are still more than enough horror stories to go around that could have been prevented.

One incident demonstrating the quality of some of the housing being discussed involves a diseased bat.

The creature somehow found its way into the house and bit one of the residents, resulting in a rabies infection. Although it is sometimes difficult to make houses totally animal-repellant, situations like this probably could have been prevented if the housing was kept in better condition.

Other causes of con-



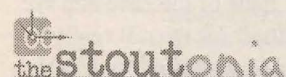
cern include the pricing of some off-campus housing. Students should not have to pay around \$300 a month for houses that are dilapidated or partly rotting away.

Considering the price some landlords initially buy

these houses for (and keeping in mind that houses were cheaper as time goes back), and given that approximately five to seven students occupy these houses each year, there are many landlords that can—and do—overprice

houses and have them totally paid off in as little as 6 years.

So although high prices and degradation are expected to a degree, be on the lookout for landlords you think may be trying to take advantage of you.



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Snow, damn you! Snow!



Matt Schubbe

Columnist

Seriously, either snow, or don't. That's my take on things, at any rate. That unusually blunt statement (which is very out of character for my writing, I know) is a product of frustration on my part and, much to the chagrin of the ever-changing temperature of the planet, probably the frustration of many others as well. I mean, come on, we're halfway through November here, how about some snow?

But let me back up, I think I may be hitting the nail too quickly without really looking at what I'm pounding it into (could be my hand for all I know). I suppose that I wouldn't be this upset about not having any snow to speak of if we hadn't had a truly awesome batch of snow make its way to our little corner of Wisconsin last weekend. When I awoke to prepare for class last Friday and looked out the window, I became almost giddy at the sight of the fresh crop of powder that lay unspoiled below. I say almost giddy because giddiness really isn't my thing, but that's beside the point.

Upon seeing the snow it

was as if I had regressed back to the age of about six or seven. I immediately turned on the news to see if school had been cancelled as I ate my dinosaur egg oatmeal in my pajamas.

Then I remembered that I was 22 and that I walked to class. Then I was depressed for about five or six minutes, but after finishing getting ready and stepping outside, my mood changed for the better.

There really is nothing more enjoyable than taking a walk through freshly fallen snow, and since I live on the northern end of campus I got to enjoy a lengthy trip to say the least. I slid around in slippery parking lots, I scooped up the snow in my mitten and ate it, I purposely stepped on a dog turd knowing that it was frozen and couldn't get stuck on my shoe; it was glorious.

And then in about a day it pretty much all melted, and I've been waiting for a new snowfall ever since. I guess what I'm trying to say is: Hey! Planet Earth! What is the freakin' hold up? I've got new snowpants I want to break in, and my newly revised igloo blueprints are gathering dust in my closet. Pick up the pace here!

And that concludes my rant on snowfall. If any of my loyal readers out there feel the same way, and I know you do, feel free to e-mail me about it. Maybe we can mentally will snow to fall if we combine our powers.

Mislike me not for my hair



Theresa Radtke

Columnist

As a natural blonde I went through high school with all the jokes about how stupid blondes are. It didn't make me want to dye my hair or anything; it just drew me to the conclusion that they are just jokes and are things to laugh at.

I haven't ever dyed my hair before, nor do I plan on doing so in the future. I guess the bigger issue here is to inform the public about yellow-haired heads and to slow down the rumors.

The myth that blondes are stupid goes back to Europe where the Norwegians, Swedish and Germans (who tended to be blond-haired and blue-eyed) were considered stupid, raiding barbarians. They were also a minority when first immigrating to the United States and probably didn't look too smart with a low understanding of the English language.

Immigrants weren't the first people to set the trend of blond-haired people being dumb. The classic "valley girl" image portrayed from California didn't help the intelligence hype either.

I remember watching "Saved by the Bell" and see-

ing Zach's almost white hair. Although he was extremely attractive with it, he kind of set the trend for beach boys with nothing other to do than chase girls and make up crazy schemes.

In any case, I don't think it's very cool that girls are subjected to stereotypes about their hair color. It could go for any hair color really, but blondes always seem to be made fun of the most. I did a little research on the topic and found out something interesting.

According to an article titled "Platinum blondes are labeled as Dumb" from BBC World News online, Tony Cassidy and Georgina Harris, of the University of Coventry, asked 120 people, 60 males and 60 females, to look at pictures of a female model wearing four different colored wigs: platinum blond, natural blond, brown and red. The subjects were asked to rate the model for intelligence, shyness, aggressiveness, and popularity.

The researchers, who presented their results to the British Psychological Society's annual conference in Belfast, Northern Ireland, found that platinum blonde models were rated less intelligent, particularly by men.

The point is, people, these kinds of jokes need to be left in high school, because they are childish and immature. Actually they shouldn't even exist because jokes about people's differences are prejudiced.

The right to arm bears



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Photography Editor

I saw a video on the Internet recently that severely disturbed me. A woman and a man are out hunting. A small bear is walking through the woods. The woman shoots the bear from maybe a hundred yards away. She hits the bear in the spine, and it slowly dies. Then the woman and the man go over to the bear, get naked, and have sex on the bear ("bear" back, if you will). Then the couple's dogs come and tear the bear apart.

I'm not usually one to get all up in arms over hunters, but something is pretty wrong about that. It's one thing to kill something for food, it's a different thing to kill something for sport, but to kill something just to sadistically desecrate it is pretty

damn low if you ask me. I think there needs to be some new hunting laws. Like...if you're going to kill an animal, it should have an equal chance of killing you.

Maybe if you're hunting, you should only be allowed to hunt with a knife. I think that would be fair, at least for bear hunting. That way the bear has a fighting chance.

That's probably fair. Then maybe people would stop just killing bears for fun. Especially if bears started tearing beer-guzzling, Ted Nugent-listening, pickup-truck-driving jerks to pieces.

Ah well...I can dream. And another thing...

The Haiku should probably take a more prominent place in literature. Especially if it has to do with nature ripping people apart.

*Bear's claw slashes flesh
Fat hunter cries out in pain
Juicy hunter food*

Or what about...

*Bull moose aimed to charge
Terror on the young man's face
Antlers, piercing lungs*

Yeah...I think Haiku really works. Haiku for the future. Bears for the future...

AND ANOTHER THING! Wouldn't it be pretty great if bears could write Haiku?

*Hunter got his blade
Be trying to hustle me
Gonna eat his blood*

Or...

*Came outta the cave
Plaid and flannel everywhere
Gonna be slaughter*

I'm pretty sure it's all going to be a big hit. It'll be a whole new perspective on hunting; think of all the "manly men" who will throw themselves heedlessly at a 1,500-pound grizzly. It'll be fantastic, if gun hunters now are called pansies, think about how bad they'll look when the real men are going one-on-one with a bear armed with just a shiv.

Oh (J) the humanity



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I think I've finally figured out the perfect way to get rich quick. Now realize that I risk spoiling my ingenious strategy by divulging the details of my nefarious plot, but also realize that every Joe Six-Pack in America could have their own opportunity at greatness if they would just apply what they hear. But they don't.

So anyhow, back to my plan. You see, what I have to do is find myself a pretty wife right, have some kids, then split up. Then after we're good and divorced, I'll go and stab her and her male friend to death outside of a condo in LA. Yeah...then I'll go have a low-speed car chase in a white Bronco, and then turn myself in. After having the Trial of the Century, and being acquitted of the murder there, I'll be found guilty in civil court. After all that shebang and hooplah, I'll lay low for a few years, you know, just to catch people off guard. Then, after everybody thinks I'm just a has-been, and just when they'd least expect it...

BAM!

I'll release a book and a made-for-TV movie bragging about how I didn't kill my ex-wife and her friend, but how IF I DID, this is how I did it. Every red-blooded American is going to want to watch/read that, and I'll make millions! Hell, I might even make zillions! It's brilliant!

Sheer genius.

Well, that's what I'd be saying if I were Orenthall James Simpson, AKA O.J. Simpson, AKA The Juice. What a swell guy, let me tell you, really staying on the ethically conservative side of that trial. Wait, I got it wrong, he's doing the most bat-shit insane thing I've ever heard, but ironically, it's probably one of the smartest business moves ever. After all, with the publicity that he's got, the name recognition and the buzz behind the unanswered questions in the case, releasing a book and a made-for-TV movie is perhaps one of the most clever money making schemes anybody has ever thought of.

Ethically speaking, well...he's not earning any brownie points there. But in a modern society shouldn't we get past the visceral facts of the case and see the situation for what it really is? It's just a washed-up former sports star who's trying to make a buck.

If you were in his situation, would you do any different? Think of all the money that he's going to rake in...everyone and their mom are going to want a copy of this thing. It's got something for the whole family: it's got a family, a divorced family, a partially deceased family, a deceased family friend, why, it's got me saying the word "family" six times in the same sentence!

In any case, in this modern world of ours, every day that passes brings us closer and closer to the biblical city of Sodom. So repent sinner, repent, for on your day of judgement, the Lord will show as much mercy as O.J. Simpson gutting his wife and her friend like a Thanksgiving goose.

Ask the dead philosopher



Zombie Socrates

Philosopher and Advice Columnist

Hey, kids, it's me: Zombie Socrates. I'm back from the dead and in Menomonie for the time being, so I thought I could do my part for society by giving advice to you young whippersnappers and answer any questions you might have about the meaning of life, truth, justice, girlfriend/boyfriend squabbles or anything in between. The shop is open, so ask away!

Dear Zombie Socrates,
What do you do if your roommate watches "Star Trek" all day?

Sincerely,
Troubled with tribbles

Dear Troubled,
Trekkies are indeed a force to be reckoned with. Although mostly harmless, they can prove to be somewhat of an annoyance to those around them if left to their own devices. If it is interfering with your studying, then I could suggest the peaceful solution of traveling to a quieter place to study. The library, for example, is a great solution (one of my favorites, to be honest). But if you think he is viewing to unhealthy degrees, you might want to sit him down and give him a firm talking-to. Tell him you're concerned about

his mental well-being, and try to compromise on a set limit of hours a week he should be allowed to view. If he thinks your demands are unreasonable, tell him you'll work on a pet peeve that bothers him in return. I'm sure you'll come to some kind of agreement!

Dear Zombie Socrates,
How do you get your roommate(s) to stop eating your food?

Sincerely,
Hungry and Irritated

Dear Hungry,
This can be a very irritating problem indeed, especially if you purchase finer quality items out of your own pocketbook. It also depends on how many roommates you're dealing with, and if you know who is thieving the goods. My advice is to begin by taping strips of parchment with your name to your items of food you would like to keep to yourself.

This is a silent message that just implies the hint to back off and leave it for its owner, which is sometimes all you need. If the problem persists, you could try taking your suspected roommates to the grocery store with you and then force them to pay part of the grocery bill at checkout. If they still do not get the picture, then as a last resort go right ahead and consume some of their precious vittles without their permission.

It might not be the first solution, but sometimes aggressive solutions call for aggressive problems!

Dear Zombie Socrates,
Where do Canadians come from?

Sincerely,
Just Curious

Dear Just Curious,
Canada.

Dear Zombie Socrates,
How do you cure procrastination?

Sincerely,
[insert name here]

Dear [insert],
I'll get back to you next week, I promise. . .

No seriously, you cannot cure procrastination. Ever. But you can treat it. Procrastination is more of a mindset than anything else, and true procrastinators procrastinate because they are perfectionists and are afraid of producing anything but perfect work and are unsure how to start something off in the best way. Procrastination is one of the hardest problems to tackle however, because you can just keep telling yourself "just this last time, and I'll start early on the next project for real this time." But the best way to stop is to just get started. Stop reading this right now and work on whatever is due next on your agenda, even if it isn't until next week. And remember, it doesn't have to be perfect the first time around!

If you have any questions you would like to ask me, simply send them to stoutonia@uwstout.edu, and be sure to include Zombie Socrates in the subject header!



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BR	BA	Address	Rent Only		With Utilities		Description	TYPE
			EU	PP	EU	PP		
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #3	\$175	\$175	n/a	n/a	Inc. utilities, bath off hallway, washer/dryer	SR
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #4	\$175	\$175	n/a	n/a	Inc. utilities, bath off hallway, washer/dryer Avail. 8/1/07	SR
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #8	\$180	\$180	n/a	n/a	Inc. utilities, bath off hallway, washer/dryer	SR
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #6	\$195	\$195	n/a	n/a	Inc. utilities, bath off hallway, washer/dryer	SR
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #7	\$195	\$195	n/a	n/a	Inc. utilities, bath off hallway, washer/dryer	SR
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #5	\$230	\$230	n/a	n/a	Inc. utilities, bath off hallway, washer/dryer	SR
1	1	2006 5th Street E. Apt C	\$275	\$275	\$275	\$275	Includes Utilities! Newer, large bedrooms, w/d, a/c,	SR
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #1	\$280	\$280	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc. storage, close to campus	6
1	1	802 6th Avenue #1	\$290	\$290	n/a	n/a	Includes all utilities parking	6
1	1	702 4th Street	\$290	\$290	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc. storage, close to campus	6
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #2	\$300	\$300	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc. storage, close to campus	6
1	1	115 1/2 Main Street West	\$320	\$320	\$395	\$395	Close to campus and downtown	3
1	1	1203 1/2 14th Avenue East	\$325	\$325	n/a	n/a	upper duplex, nice size rooms	D
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #2	\$325	\$325	n/a	n/a	great location, includes WSG & heat	A
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #3	\$330	\$330	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc. storage, close to campus	6
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #5	\$335	\$335	n/a	n/a	Great location, utilities Included Parking	8
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #4	\$340	\$340	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc. storage, close to campus	6
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #5	\$355	\$355	n/a	n/a	great location, includes WSG & heat, parking	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #6	\$360	\$360	n/a	n/a	Great location, util. Incl. Parking	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #8	\$360	\$360	n/a	n/a	Great location, util. Incl. Parking	8
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #9	\$365	\$365	n/a	n/a	great location, includes WSG & heat, parking	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #4	\$365	\$365	n/a	n/a	great location, includes WSG & heat, parking	A
1	1	1218 1/2 9th Street	\$375	\$375	n/a	n/a	gas heat, upper duplex, great location	D
1	1	1221 7th Street	\$390	\$390	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat, WSG, hot water, very large & nice	4
1	1	1520 7th Street	\$390	\$390	n/a	n/a	close to campus, parking, Washer/dryer	D
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #3	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	great location, includes WSG & heat	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #8	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	great location, includes WSG & heat, parking	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #3	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	Great location, util. Incl. Parking	8
1	1	421 1/2 13th Avenue West	\$395	\$395	\$500	\$500	super nice, great location, storage	D
1	1	421 Wilson Avenue #3	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat, WSG, hot water, parking	6
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #6	\$410	\$410	n/a	n/a	great location, includes WSG & heat	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #1	\$415	\$415	n/a	n/a	Great location, includes WSG & heat, parking	A
1	1	333 1/2 Main Street #1	\$420	\$420	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat, WSG, downtown location	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #1	\$475	\$475	n/a	n/a	Great location, util. Incl. Parking	8
2	1	119 West Main Street #2	\$295	\$148	\$365	\$183	Close to campus and downtown	3
2	1	1506 1/2 6th Street	\$330	\$165	\$430	\$215	enclosed front porch, great location	D
2	1	1218 9th Street	\$350	\$175	n/a	n/a	gas heat, lower duplex, great location	D
2	1	921 Main Street #4	\$360	\$180	\$460	\$230	Good location, parking	4
2	1	1203 14th Avenue East	\$375	\$188	n/a	n/a	lower duplex, gas heat	D
2	1	115 Main Street West	\$380	\$190	\$500	\$250	Close to campus and downtown	3
2	1	915 1/2 Main Street	\$395	\$198	\$495	\$248	good location in duplex, w parking	D
2	1	208 1/2 13th Avenue West	\$400	\$200	n/a	n/a	gas heat, next to campus	D
2	1	620 15th Avenue	\$400	\$200	\$600	\$300	upper duplex, very nice close to campus	D
2	1	1415 4th Street West	\$410	\$205	\$510	\$255	gas heat, garage, modern, location	D
2	1	1506 6th Street	\$420	\$210	\$570	\$285	huge bedrooms, enclosed front porch	D
2	1	2121 5th Street #A	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Inc. WSG, washer dryer	4
2	1	2121 5th Street #B	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Inc. WSG, washer dryer	4
2	1	2121 5th Street #C	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Inc. WSG, washer dryer	4
2	1	2121 5th Street #D	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Inc. WSG, washer/dryer	4
2	1	421 13th Avenue West	\$425	\$213	\$550	\$275	gas heat, hardwood floors, storage	D
2	1	414 1/2 12th Avenue West	\$430	\$215	\$540	\$270	large, great location, parking	D
2	1	619 13th Avenue	\$450	\$225	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat WSG hot water, excellent location	4
2	1	1221 1/2 7th Street	\$460	\$230	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat, WSG, hot water, excellent location	4
2	1	619 1/2 13th Avenue	\$480	\$240	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat WSG hot water, excellent location	4
2	1	1502 10th Street	\$500	\$250	\$650	\$325	garage, washer/dryer, great house	H
2	1	620 1/2 9th Avenue	\$500	\$250	\$660	\$330	close to campus, large nice rooms	3
2	1	802 6th Avenue #5	\$525	\$263	n/a	n/a	Includes all utilities parking	6
2	1	802 6th Avenue #6	\$525	\$263	n/a	n/a	Includes all utilities parking	6
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #1	\$540	\$270	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat, WSG, hot water, parking	6
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #5	\$540	\$270	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat, WSG, hot water, parking	6
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #6	\$540	\$270	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat, WSG, hot water, parking	6
3	1	1311 1/2 South Broadway	\$450	\$150	\$535	\$178	next to campus, cute, washer/dryer	D
3	1	119 West Main Street #3	\$525	\$175	\$675	\$225	Close to campus and downtown	3
3	1	1311 South Broadway	\$550	\$183	\$700	\$233	washer/dryer next to campus	D
3	1	1312 6th Street	\$550	\$183	n/a	n/a	close to campus, parking	H
3	1	1415 1/2 4th Street West	\$600	\$200	\$820	\$273	gas heat, garage, great location	D
3	1	208 13th Avenue West.	\$600	\$200	n/a	n/a	Lrg. Rooms, gas heat, parking	D
3	1	1503 7th Street	\$600	\$200	\$800	\$267	Lower duplex,	D
3	1	921 Main Street #3	\$600	\$200	\$765	\$255	Good location, parking, economical	4
3	1	414 12th Avenue West	\$630	\$210	\$820	\$273	very large, garage storage	D
3	1	802 6th Avenue #4	\$675	\$225	n/a	n/a	utilities included, parking	A
3	1.5	414 14th Avenue West	\$700	\$233	\$850	\$283	modern, high eff. Gas heat, washer/dryer, office/den	8
3	1	915 Main Street	\$700	\$233	\$850	\$283	good location in duplex, w parking, office/computer room	D
3	1	147 1/2 Main Street #B	\$780	\$260	n/a	n/a	Inc. Utilities, W/D great location, very large	A
4	1	1606 10th Street	\$550	\$138	\$750	\$188	washer/dryer, new siding	H
4	1	1120 15th Avenue	\$600	\$150	\$750	\$188	washer/dryer excellent shape/lrg rooms	D
4	1	1508 10th Street	\$620	\$155	\$820	\$205	close to Lammers, nice layout	H
4	1	1115 14th Avenue East	\$620	\$155	\$800	\$200	gas heat/garage/large rooms/ W/D hookup	H
4	1	321 13th Avenue West	\$660	\$165	\$880	\$220	Super location, washer/dryer	H
4	1	921 Main Street #1	\$700	\$175	\$870	\$218	good location, economical	4
4	1	309 14th Avenue West	\$750	\$188	\$950	\$238	WD good location, gas heat	H
4	1	1215 10th Street	\$750	\$188	\$870	\$218	W/D gas heat/storage, parking, garage	H
4	2	1319 8th Street	\$800	\$200	\$1,000	\$250	close to campus, large nice rooms	H
4	2	1509 South Broadway	\$800	\$200	n/a	n/a	lrg. House, nice location	H
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue West #1	\$800	\$200	\$950	\$238	modern, high eff. Gas heat, W/D a/c,	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue West #2	\$800	\$200	\$950	\$238	modern, high eff. Gas heat, W/D a/c	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue West #3	\$800	\$200	\$950	\$238	modern, high eff. Gas heat, W/D a/c	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue West #4	\$800	\$200	\$950	\$238	modern, high eff. Gas heat, W/D a/c	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue West #5	\$800	\$200	\$950	\$238	modern, high eff. Gas heat, W/D a/c	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue West #6	\$800	\$200	\$950	\$238	modern, high eff. Gas heat, W/D a/c	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue West #7	\$800	\$200	\$950	\$238	modern, high eff. Gas heat, W/D a/c	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue West #8	\$800	\$200	\$950	\$238	modern, high eff. Gas heat, W/D a/c	8
4	1	1216 6th Street	\$820	\$205	\$1,000	\$250	gas heat across from campus	H
4	1	1600 10th Street	\$850	\$213	\$1,050	\$263	great house W/D hook-ups	H
4	2	1620 6th Street	\$850	\$213	\$1,050	\$263	great house, washer/dryer, gas heat	H
4	2	1515 6th Street	\$900	\$225	\$1,195	\$299	spacious, close to campus, washer/dryer	D
4	1	121 1/2 12th Avenue West	\$900	\$225	\$1,125	\$281	large apartment, super location washer/dryer	D
4	1.5	121 12th Avenue West	\$900	\$225	\$1,125	\$281	super location washer/dryer	D
4	2	1114 7th Street	\$950	\$238	\$1,150	\$288	great location, close to campus, garage	H
4	2	1702 6th Street	\$950	\$238	\$1,150	\$288	lots of space, great location, W/D	H
4	2	1415 8th Street East	\$1,000	\$250	\$1,250	\$313	recently upgraded, great location parking W/D	D
4	1	1615 7th St	\$1,000	\$250	\$1,200	\$300	Great location and nice house, washer/dryer, garage	H
4	2	1317 8th Street	\$1,040	\$260	\$1,250	\$313	washer/dryer deck good location	H
4	2	332 1/2 Main Street	\$1,040	\$260	\$1,240	\$310	Huge, washer/dryer, deck, 4 br downtown & parking	A
4	2	1021 8th Street	\$1,100	\$275	\$1,345	\$336	beautiful house w/decks close to campus washer/dryer	H
4	3	147 1/2 Main Street #A	\$1,100	\$275	n/a	n/a	INCLUDES UTILITIES, huge, great location, W/D,	A
5	1	1121 6th Avenue	\$600	\$120	\$860	\$172	washer/dryer gas heat, good sized rooms	H
5	1.5	221 4th Street West	\$700	\$140	\$960	\$192	washer/dryer gas heat, north campus	H
5	1	1320 6th Street	\$820	\$164	\$1,040	\$208	washer/dryer great location	H
5	2	405 20th Avenue East	\$850	\$170	\$1,030	\$206	great house washer/dryer garage, modern	H
5	2	1115 17th Avenue East	\$875	\$175	\$1,085	\$217	very lrg. Rooms W/D hook-up, newly remodeled	H
5	2	1521 8th Street	\$900	\$180	\$1,145	\$229	washer/dryer great location	H
5	2	1403 6th Street	\$900	\$180	\$1,180	\$236	good location, lots of parking, huge rooms	H
5	2	607 13th Avenue East	\$950	\$190	\$1,140	\$228	huge rooms, location, parking washer/dryer	H
5	2	2006 5th Street #A	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,200	\$240	washer/dryer very large, parking	3
5	2	2006 5th Street #B	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,280	\$256	washer/dryer gas heat, new siding, remodeled	3
5	1.5	1107 2nd Street West	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,200	\$240	good layout/close to campus, washer/dryer	H
5	1.5	1115 6th Street	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,180	\$236	washer dryer, updated, right on campus, very desirable	H
5	2.5	1502 7th Street	\$1,050	\$210	\$1,275	\$255	washer/dryer, remodeled	H
5	2.5	902 Main Street	\$1,125	\$225	\$1,350	\$270	great location, washer/dryer, large rooms, fenced yard	H
5	2	1803 7th Street	\$1,150	\$230	\$1,430	\$286	washer/dryer parking, good location, large	D
5	2	203 13th Avenue West	\$1,150	\$230	\$1,370	\$274	washer dryer, great location, house	H
5	2	1208 9th Street	\$1,175	\$235	\$1,400	\$280	Remodeled! 2 car garage, great house close to campus	H
5	2	121 13th Avenue West	\$1,300	\$260	\$1,560	\$312	large, super location. Washer/dryer	D
6	2	1402 8th Street	\$700	\$117	\$900	\$150	washer/dryer gas heat good layout	H
6	2	504 10th Street	\$900	\$150	\$1,180	\$197	W/D hook-ups, gas heat, large rms.	H
6	2	1603 7th Street	\$1,170	\$195	n/a	n/a	washer/dryer new carpet, very nice	H
6	2	1415 1/2 8th Street	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,480	\$247	fabulous newer construction washer/dryer	D
6	2	321 20th Avenue #B	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,445	\$241	new large bedrooms, washer/dryer	4
6	2	321 20th Avenue #C	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,445	\$241	new large bedrooms, washer/dryer	4
6	2	321 20th Avenue #D	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,445	\$241	new large bedrooms, washer/dryer	4
6	2	602 1/2 12th Avenue	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,460	\$243	great location, washer/dryer, very nice, parking	D
6	2	1714 8th Street	\$1,230	\$205	\$1,500	\$250	large deck, gas heat, washer/dryer	H
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7	2	1321 2nd Street West	\$1,365	\$195	\$1,525	\$218	large house, 1 blk. from campus washer/dryer	H
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8	3	1421 South Broadway	\$1,840	\$230	\$2,100	\$263	large house, W/D, across from stadium	H

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Community

Nov. 13 - 19

• Children's Book Week at the Library Learning Center

Thursday, Nov. 16

• "I put out... Cigarettes" T-shirts being sold. \$10. Outside the Pawn, MSC
• Quit-Smoking Workshop. 12 to 12:50 p.m. White Pine Room, MSC
• Public Sale of UW-Stout Surplus Property. 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. 817 S. Broadway, Room 146. Bids awarded at 2:30 p.m.
• The Hummer and the Mini: Navigating the Contradictions of the New Trend Landscape - presentation by Robyn Waters. 6 p.m. Room 210, Applied Arts
• Greeks Against Drunken Decisions. 7 p.m. Great Hall, MSC

Friday, Nov. 17

• Tech Talk Business Briefs featuring Renee Surdick with the Oaklawn Harmony Centre. 9 a.m. Northwoods Room, MSC

Monday, Nov. 20

• EDGE (Employee Development, Growth and Enrichment) Program. 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Room 201, Millennium Hall
• Omega 3 Fatty Acids: The Essential Acids for Health. 10:10 a.m. Room 240, Home Economics

Tuesday, Nov. 21

• Job Search Strategies. 10:15 to 11:10 a.m. Career Services
Wednesday, Nov. 22
• Thanksgiving Break Begins, No Classes.

Monday, Nov. 27

• Alpha Phi's 5th Annual Cardio Health Dinner. \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door. 5 to 7:30 p.m. Recreation and Leisure Center, Menomonie

Wednesday, Nov. 29

• Reception for Retiring Staff Members. 9 to 10:30 a.m. Ballrooms, MSC

• "Millennials Go Abroad":

Professional Development Webinar Offered by the Office of International Education. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Room 207, Millennium Hall
• Interviewing Workshop. 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Career Services
• Criminal Justice and Restorative Justice: Where the Two Intersect. 4:40 p.m. Ballroom C, MSC

Thursday, Nov. 30

• Campus Violence Prevention Project's Webinar: Toward a Community Solution: Advancing Primary Prevention of Violence Against Women. 1 to 2:30 p.m. Room 207, Millennium Hall

Entertainment

Thursday, Nov. 16

• GreenSense presents movie: "Out of Balance." 6 to 7:30 p.m. State Cinema, Downtown Menomonie
• Samurai Film Series: New Perspectives on the Past: "Ame Agar (After the Rain)." 7 to 9 p.m. Menomonie Public Library
• Campus Crusade for Christ presents music event: Caitlyn Smith, Andre Rodriguez, and Aerial Square. 7 to 9 p.m. Great Hall, MSC
• Blue Devil Productions presents music event: Ludo with Down and Above. Free with Stout ID, \$1 Public. 8 p.m. Rec Center, MSC

Friday, Nov. 17

• Thanksgiving Charity LAN Event. \$7 for PC and \$3 for Console. 6 p.m. Great Hall, MSC
• Patchouli (acoustic pop rock music). \$10. 7 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater
• Mike Tarr Creamery Show. 7 to 9 p.m. Creamery Restaurant and Inn, Downsview, Wis.

Saturday, Nov. 18

• Blue Devil Productions presents movie: "This is Spinal Tap." 7 p.m. Room 210, Applied Arts

Wednesday, Nov. 22

• Free Swing Dance Lessons by the Stout Swing Club. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Glass Lounge, Price Commons

Monday, Nov. 27

• Campus Violence Prevention Project: Get Out of Jail. 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. "Offenders" will be placed under arrest and put in jail.

Tuesday, Nov. 28

• Campus Violence Prevention Project: Get Out of Jail. 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. "Offenders" will be placed under arrest and put in jail.

Athletics

Friday, Nov. 17

• Hockey vs. UW-Stevens Point. 7:30 p.m.
• Women's Basketball vs. Illi-

nois Benedictine @ Carroll College Tourney. 5 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 18

• Men's and Women's Cross Country NCAA Championships @ Wilmington College. 11 a.m.
• Women's Basketball vs. Carroll or Edgewood. 1 or 3 p.m.
• Hockey vs. UW-Eau Claire. 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 21

• Men's Basketball @ Bemidji State. 7 p.m.
• Women's Basketball @ Northwestern College. 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 25

• Hockey vs. Neumann College at MSOE Tournament, 3 p.m.
• Women's Basketball at St. Scholastica, 3 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 26

• Hockey vs. Gustavus Adolphus or MSOE at MSOE Tournament, TBA
• Women's Basketball at Northland College, 1 p.m.
• Men's Basketball at Northland College, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 29

• Men's Basketball vs. UW-Eau Claire, 7 p.m.
• Women's Basketball at UW-Eau Claire, 7 p.m.

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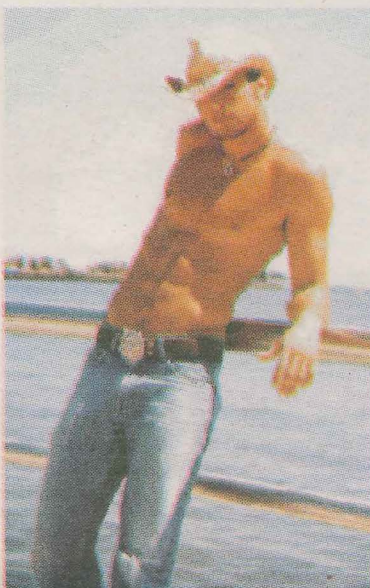
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The event is sponsored by Blue Devil Productions and is free to students with ID and costs \$1 for the public.

A stylized illustration of a woman with long dark hair, wearing a blue top and long tan legs, holding a large blue circle with the word NOXZEMA written on it. The background is a solid blue color.

Noxzema. Pretty. Smart.

Sony console falls short

PS3 might not live up to the hype



Chris Moellering
Entertainment Writer

On Nov. 17, video gaming will be brought to a new level with the release of the Sony PlayStation 3. Gamers have been waiting anxiously for the PS3 for years, and finally the time has come. But will the PS3 live up to the hype or will it crumble in an attempt to compete with the Xbox 360?

The PS3 is a next generation gaming console that has High Definition picture quality, which makes the gaming experience

more detailed and realistic. It allows online gaming that is comparable to that of Xbox Live, with a new feature call SingStar that allows subscribers to down-load music onto the console.

It also features a Blue Ray drive, which plays HD movies. To accommodate users that do not have HD televisions, the PS3 allows users to watch HD movies, but at a lower quality.

The PS3 is 15 times more powerful than the PS2 and claims to be twice as powerful as the Xbox 360, but early reports show that there isn't much difference between the two systems.

Although there is not much difference between the gaming qualities of the two systems, there is one major difference: the price. The PS3 will be released in two different models: a 20 gigabyte model, which will be sold for \$499, and a 60 giga-

byte model, which will be sold for \$599. Games for the system will be around \$60. The Xbox 360 on the other hand, comes with a game and sells for \$399.

The price is not the only disadvantage of the PS3. Its biggest asset is the ability to play HD movies and display graphics at the same high quality, but how many people actually own HD televisions? A lot of people will be paying for something they can't even use to its fullest capacity.

Another thing that is troublesome for those interested in purchasing the PS3 is which model to buy. At first glance, the only difference seems to be the hard drive size, but actually there is a great deal of difference. The 20 gigabyte model does not come with memory card slots or

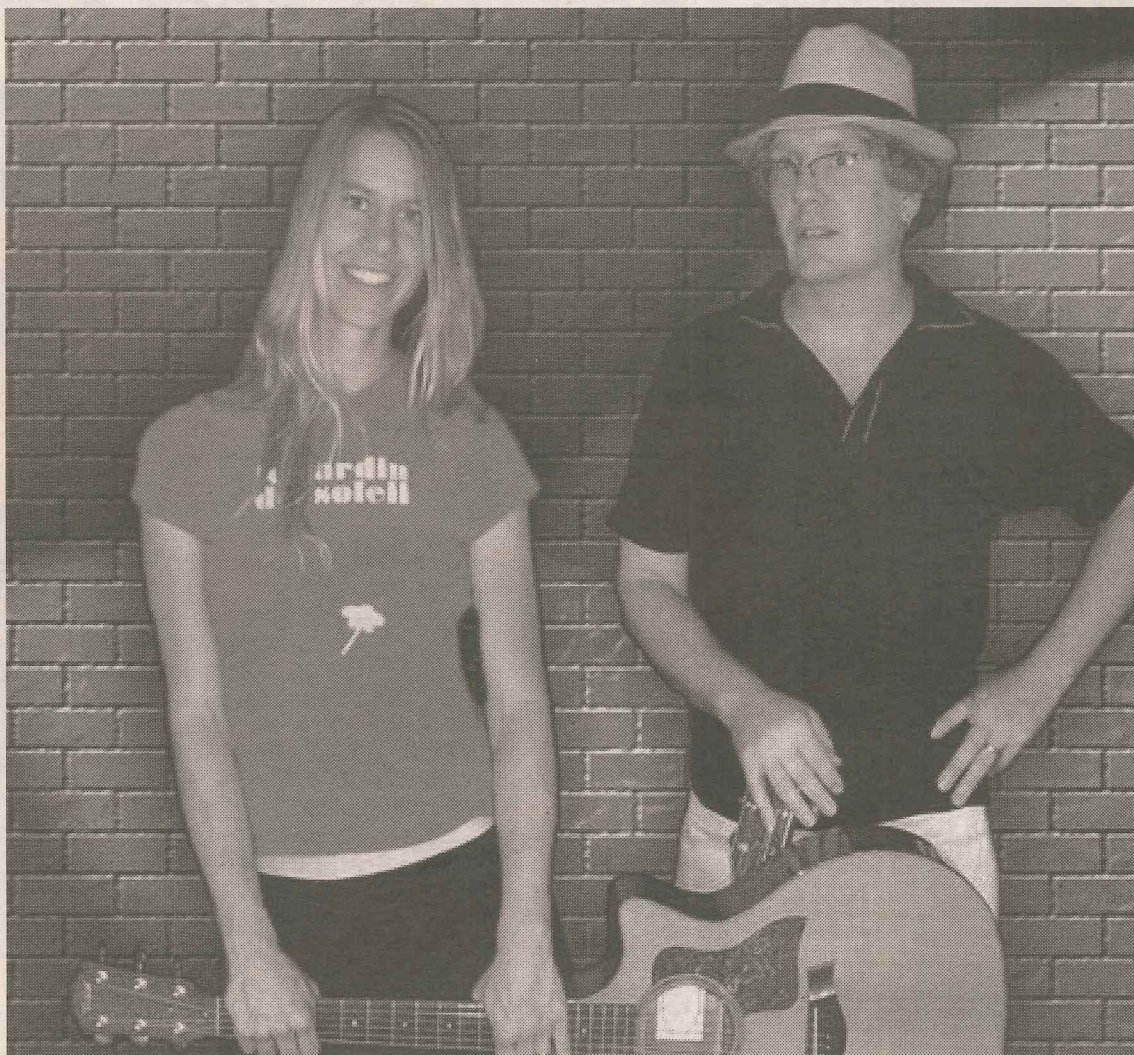
HDMI ports. The lack of HDMI ports could affect the picture quality, since the console will be connected to the television through old-style audio/video ports instead. The 20 gigabyte model will also not have Wi-Fi capabilities.

The designers at Sony cut back on a lot of the features that were supposed to be available on the PS3: the number of USB ports, number of ethernet ports, and the ability to use Wi-Fi. When asked about the cutbacks, Sony stated that all expanded features are available for purchase.

The Sony PlayStation 3 comes at a high price, but surely people will line up for its release. Only 2 million systems will be released at the initial shipment, and 4 million will be released by Christmas. The low supply will drive up the demand and make that \$599 look like nothing.

"A lot of people will be paying for something they can't even use to its fullest capacity."

Duet romances Menomonie



Source: www.myspace.com

The traveling duo has released many albums over a decade; their latest is inspired by their extensive touring.



Katie Kenner
Entertainment Writer

Patchouli will be at the Mabel Tainter Theater on Friday, Nov. 17. Tickets are \$12 for the public, \$10 for students and seniors.

Patchouli, classified as indie music, incorporates many different genres like folk and jazz. The band is inspired by Paul Simon, Joni Mitchell, Leo Kottke, Ernest Ranglin, Bob Marley, Santana, and Cat Stevens. The evening will provide upbeat music with guitar, marimba, string bass and African drums. Lead singer Julie Patchouli has been likened to Joni Mitchell, Jewel and Sarah McLaughlin.

Patchouli is based out of Maiden Rock, Wis. and consists of Julie Patchouli and Bruce

Hecksel. They first discovered their desire to play music together in 1993 with Bruce on acoustic guitar and Patchouli on a 5-gallon pail. They parted ways soon after when Hecksel went to Olympia, Wash. to play in the folk-rock band Aunt Betsy. Patchouli went to college in Ohio and then studied ethno botany in Mexico before continuing school in Oregon. She then moved to Olympia, Wash. to join Aunt Betsy as a bassist and vocalist. While still playing in Aunt Betsy, Hecksel and Patchouli decided to pursue music together, and in 1996 the two musicians put out their first album.

In 1997, Aunt Betsy relocated to Chicago and Patchouli was injured in an automobile accident. The accident marked a turn in their music career as they focused on music as a healing art. A few months after the accident and after a remarkable recovery, Hecksel and Patchouli married. In 1998 the newlyweds parted ways with Aunt Betsy and

moved back to the Pacific Midwest. They recorded their second album live in their backyard that same year with fellow musician Alan Scharff. Soon after recording the album they moved back to the Midwest and named their duo venture "Patchouli."

The eclectic duo has released a total of eight albums, from their first out in 1996, "Strawberry Blues" to the most recent "The Light Behind You." Patchouli has been touring almost non-stop over the last 10 years, hitting every state but New Mexico and Maine. The new album, "The Light Behind You," was inspired by their tours around the country, and many songs were composed in the Mississippi River Valley where they reflect upon small town stories and culture.

Patchouli will also be at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire at The Cabin on Dec. 7 at 8 p.m. and will return to the Mabel Tainter Theater in Menomonie on Dec. 31 at 7 p.m.

For sound clips and more information about Patchouli visit their Web site at <http://www.patchouli.net> or their Myspace page at <http://www.myspace.com/patchoulispace>.

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Ferrell's new movie reveals a more serious side



Jerome Butchee
Entertainment Writer

Harold Crick, played by Will Ferrell, is just your average obsessive-compulsive Internal Revenue Service agent. Kay Eiffel, played by Emma Thompson, is your average brilliant author.

Crick and Eiffel have more in common than they realize. Eiffel's next book character is Harold Crick: the same IRS agent who has the same boring routines everyday. He soon begins to realize that Eiffel is narrating his every move.

This movie is the exact opposite of "Anchorman" and "Talladega Nights," which are movies that Ferrell previously starred in. Ferrell, who many recognize as a highly energized comedian, actually tones down his energy to become the Harold Crick character.

This dampens the entire movie when the plotline, consisting of Kay Eiffel writing a story where her main character can hear her narration, falls flatter than a can



Will Ferrell leaves his usual comedic side behind for the film "Stranger Than Fiction," showing audiences worldwide his ability to act in a variety of roles without losing talent. Although the film still has some comedic elements, the overall tone is more serious than Ferrell's usual films.

Source: www.rottentomatoes.com

of pop left open.

Kay Eiffel is suffering from writer's block and cannot seem to decide on how Harold Crick should meet his demise to end her book. Harold Crick finally figures out that all this noise go-

ing on in his head is actually Eiffel narrating the life of her main character. Slight hilarity ensues when Crick goes around town asking people if they can hear "the voice."

Of course nobody can and

Crick is directed to Professor Jules Hilbert, an English professor played by Dustin Hoffman. He finally figures out that Crick might not live to the end of his "story." In the meantime, Crick slowly goes into depression, but

he discovers himself and breaks out of his monotonous ways. Fine for a television-length episode, "Stranger Than Fiction" creeps along with a running time that causes you to repeatedly glance at your watch.

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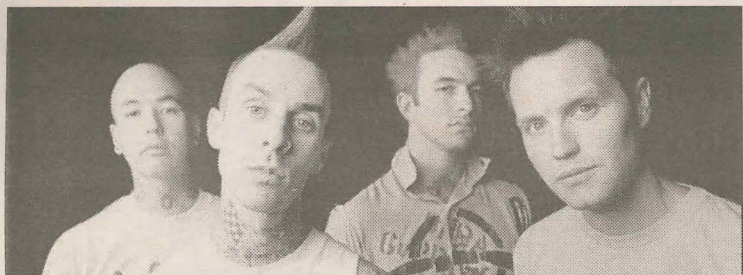
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Blink 182 fans rejoice

Band members make comeback in +44



Source: www.myspace.com

Artists from three different bands come together to form +44. They have released their first album titled "When Your Heart Stops Beating."

Chris Moellering

Entertainment Writer

For fans of the pop-punk band Blink 182, the wait is finally over. No, they haven't decided to reunite, and from the looks of things that dream may never come true. The real story here is the new band that was formed by members Mark Hoppus and Travis Barker. Together they created the group +44 and released their debut album "When Your Heart Stops Beating" on Nov. 14.

"When Your Heart Stops Beating" has been one of the most anticipated releases of the year. It has been a project of Hoppus and Barker since early 2005. It started out as just an idea when they were on tour in Europe with Blink 182.

When singer/guitarist Tom Delonge quit the band in early 2005, Hoppus and Barker decided to put the project into action. They named the band +44, which is the international dialing code for London, where they came up with the idea.

Originally +44 was rumored to have a strong electronica sound with Carol Heller on lead vocals. Hoppus explained in an interview with MTV that when they started recording on the computer at home, the band was indeed electronica, but when they moved the project to the studio, it became more musical. Heller was originally going to be lead vocals but left the band to start a family.

Eventually, guitarists Shane

Gallagher from The Nervous Return and Craig Fairbaugh from The Mercy Killers joined +44. Together with Hoppus and Barker, the four completed the album, transforming it from just an idea into a work of art.

This band is not what most fans would expect from Blink 182 members. The same funny guys who once ran naked down the street for an entire video have now matured and released an album that is hard-rocking and personal. Barker said, "If Blink 182 was the daytime, +44 is the nighttime."

"When Your Heart Stops Beating" is filled with dark and passionate lyrics that chill the bones. Hoppus' vocals and melodies combined with Barker's head-bopping beats have created a formula for success.

A two-month tour to promote the album was postponed in early October because Barker broke his arm during the filming of their first video for the title track, "When Your Heart Stops Beating."

Apparently, Barker broke his arm playing the drums too hard. He played through pain for a week before he got his arm examined. He devoted himself to learning the drums with one arm so the tour could continue.

The band will be playing at First Ave in Minneapolis on Dec 4. Doors open at 5 p.m. and tickets are \$20.

BDP to show classic mockumentary

Jenna Wojan

Entertainment Writer

Blue Devil Productions presents the film "This is Spinal Tap" on Saturday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m. in Applied Arts 210.

Rob Reiner, director of such films as "When Harry Met Sally," "The Princess Bride" and "A Few Good Men," brings to life the half-improvisational, mostly-ad-libbed story of semi-fictional British heavy-metal group Spinal Tap.

In this 1984 "rockumentary," the washed-out glam-rock band Spinal Tap attempts an American comeback tour, with fan Marty DiBergi, played by Reiner, tagging along with his camera rolling.

What results is a wild, sa-

tirical, over-sexed mockumentary that chronicles Spinal Tap through their promotional tour of their latest record, "Smell the Glove."

The movie also features many of Spinal Tap's original recordings. Songs like "I'm Gonna Rock You Tonight," "Hell Hole," "Heavy Duty" and even "Stonehenge" are fun, '80s-style riffs that any closet hair-band fan can enjoy. Not to mention the humorous parodies "Sex Farm" and "Big Bottom."

In addition to the members of Spinal Tap, David St. Hubbins, Nigel Tufnel and Derek Smalls (Michael McKean, Christopher Guest and Harry Shearer - all of whom actually play their instruments) the film stars Paul Shaffer, Fran Drescher and Anjelica

Huston. Dana Carvey and Billy Crystal also have small roles in the film.

"This is Spinal Tap" was only a modest success upon its initial release, suffering from the failure of many viewers to understand that it was not a real documentary.

Audience feedback cards from early screenings had comments such as "Too shaky. Get new cameraman."

There are even rumors that some viewers thought it was a serious documentary about a real band. However, the film found greater success and a cult following upon its video release.

This event is sponsored by Blue Devil Productions and is free to students with student ID and is \$1 for the public.



Ashley Smolen

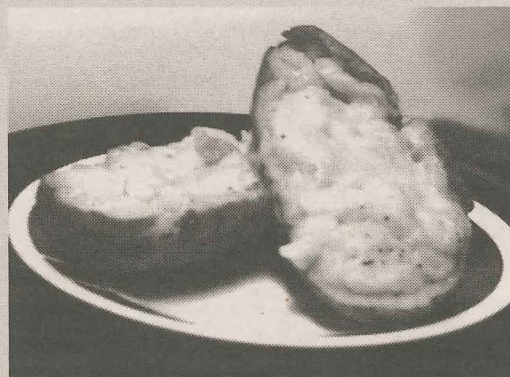
Food Columnist

Relieve me of my Ramen

The meals of a college student are not known for variety and especially not for taste. At any given moment throughout the day, cravings for real food with real flavor take hold. That's where this column comes in. Most, if not all, college students are just plain tired of the same food day in and day out, tired of opening boxes and simply adding water.

By the end of the day, the thought of having to make a meal does not rank high on the list of "things to be excited about." Most students have endlessly crazy schedules. However, making meals does not have to be laborious and overwhelming. As hard-working students, is it too much to ask that meals be quick, easy and actually enjoyed? Fret no more. Through the help of a few clever recipe tricks and simplified recipes, meals will once again be delicious.

Microwaveable Twice-Baked Potatoes



You will need:

2 large baking potatoes
Milk
Potato condiments of choice
Microwave-safe plate
Spoon and fork
Bowl

Directions:

- 1) Clean potatoes with running water. Dry with paper towel.
- 2) Puncture potatoes with fork over entire surface (top and bottom).
- 3) Place potatoes on microwave-safe plate and microwave for approximately 7 minutes and 30 seconds. *The "potato" setting on the microwave does the trick. (Adjust setting for the number of potatoes being cooked!) and turn potato over half-way through cooking.**
- 4) When fork slides easily in and out of the potato, remove from microwave and let cool enough to be easily handled.
- 5) When potatoes have cooled, cut potatoes in half the long way.
- 6) Use a spoon to scoop the potato out from the skin, leaving a shell. Be sure to leave some potato on the skin to provide structure for the shell. Place potato insides in a bowl.
- 7) Slowly add milk and mash together using a fork or spoon until mixture resembles creamy mashed potatoes. Add various potato condiments and mix together.
- 8) Once mixed, spoon mashed potato mixture into the shells. Top with cheese, if desired.
- 9) Microwave for a few seconds until heated through again and cheese melts.

Serve immediately.

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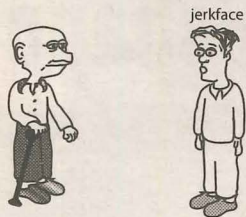
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by Drew Retherford



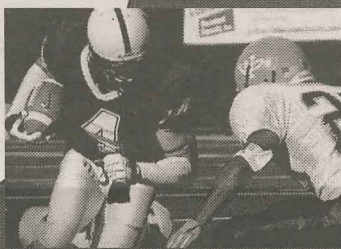
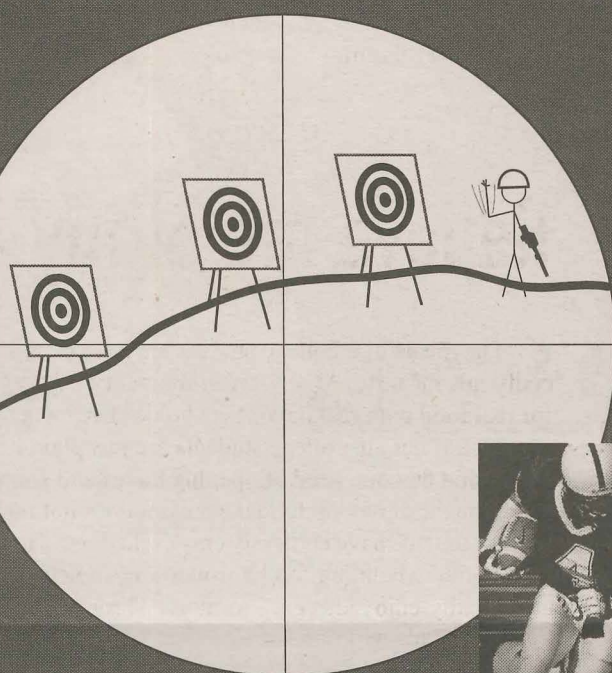
So, my jerk-faced neighbor decides to go out and buy 3 dogs. Three freaking dogs, what kind of sicko is he? Roger from across the street says that if this jerkface don't shut those dogs up, there are gonna be fireworks.....duct taped to those damn devil hounds mouths so help me God. Thats what Roger said at least, and he's slightly unstable. Instead of killing more than my quota of dogs this month, I figured I'd get a pet of my own, like a goldfish, or some turtles, or maybe a midget. Oooh, that would be the best damn pet on the block. A midget. Build a little shed for him out back, get a water dish, some kibble, maybe a ball to play with, that would be a nice set up for a midget. And what could be better than a midget? well, maybe a midget who didn't speak English and was a llama jockey. When I train the first midget, he will be a loyal subject, and a merciless killer mastering the art the crotch punch, the crotch kick, and last but not least, the ever terrifying, crotch snakebite. Then my tiny assassin will train others, and they will form to be the most feared army of midgets since the the Industrial Revolution. Ranks of tiny soldiers, gaining access to places that would be far too inconvenient for most of us, and trained to kill without remorse, once the feared crotch melee' has been weilded. The force of suburbia is about to reveal itself, and it's name is Army of Midgets On Llamas. Stealing liquor is my first priority, those little guys can drink, and then it's on to the banks, orphanages, hospitals, anywhere that will not suspect an midgets on llama-back. Beware dog owners, and jerk-faces.



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Boxing club helps students focus and stay in shape

By Josh Parshley
Sports Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout boxing club is hitting the heavy bag, and everyone is having a blast. The club is open to anyone, but if you plan on joining this unique team, you better come prepared.

"We start off with an intense sit-up and push-up workout," said President Nick Bruer, a sophomore majoring in psychology. The workout then continues with some shadow boxing and heavy-bag works. The workout at practice also includes some hand-eye coordination drills. They end the practice with stretching and jumping rope.

"We are the most laid back, intense workers out there," said Bruer. When people come to be a part of the club, they must be willing to work really hard everyday. Bruer believes it takes a commitment of a month or so to truly be part of the boxing club.

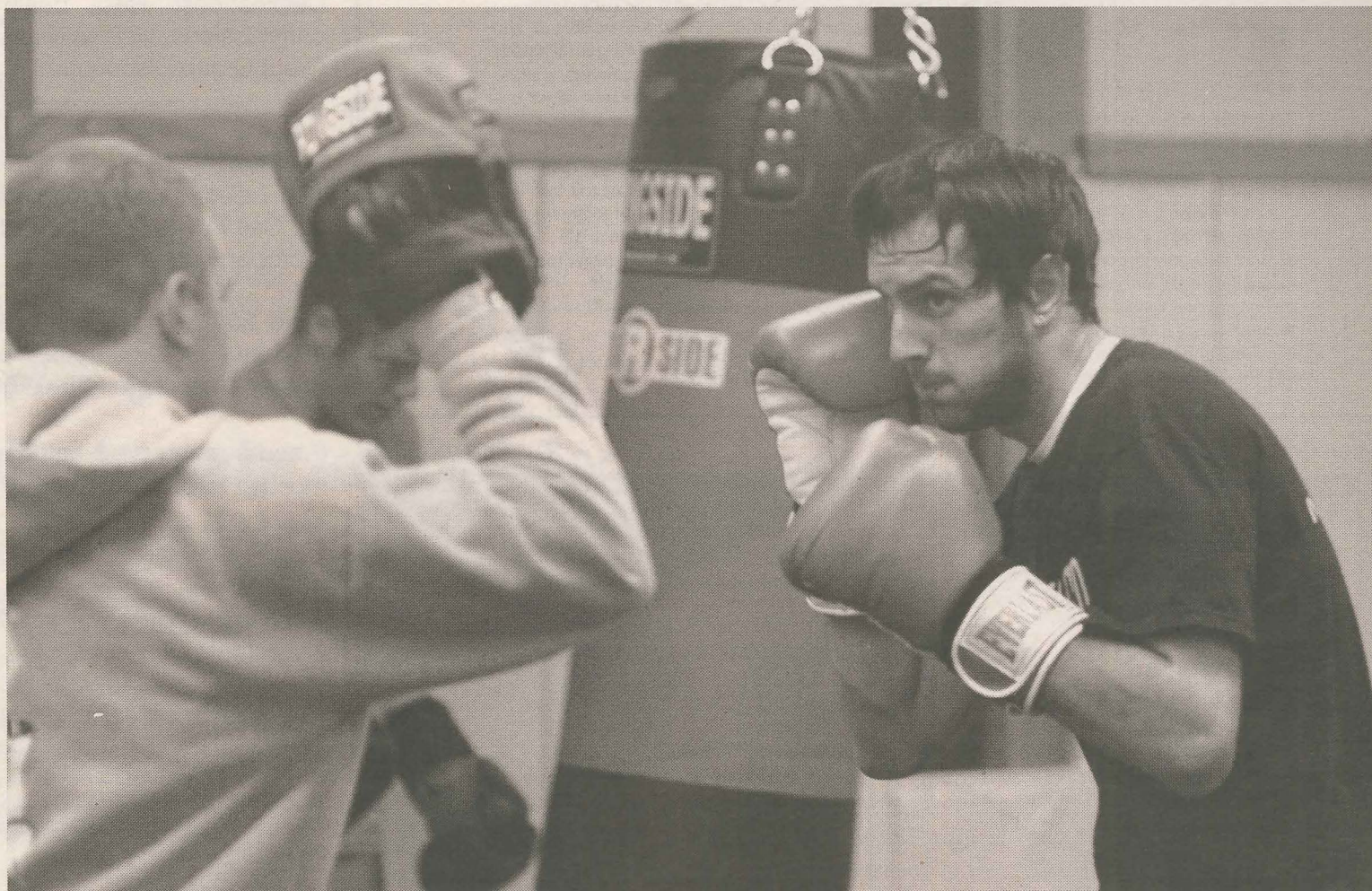
While the club does do a lot of working out, they do have some fun. They like to explore other aspects of the martial arts.

"I used to kickbox before college," said Bruer, who wanted a way to keep training and looked at a few places.

After trying the martial arts club, he decided that it wouldn't work for him.

Then Bruer found himself in the boxing club. He said that it was just what he needed. Boxing is a way of life for him and the boxing club lets him keep it that way.

Besides kickboxing, the



Jeremy Nelson/Stoutonia

The boxing club is composed of a serious group of men and women around campus who are looking for a good workout and a fun time.

members also try out several other mixed martial arts styles. They have currently performed some jujitsu, wrestling and stick fighting styles. The club is always finding different types of fighting to make practices even more enjoyable.

"I joined the club to get in shape," said captain Tyson Brown, a senior majoring in applied science.

Besides learning different styles of fighting, the club

provides a great way to stay in shape. Brown also joined to compete and fight. Everyone who is in the club has the choice of competing in boxing matches if they want to.

"When finding boxing matches, it all depends on where the fight is and who wants to fight," said Brown. He explained how it comes down to each individual.

The club looks for matches being held around in the area

and whoever would like to compete can sign up.

The boxing club has a very friendly atmosphere. People join this club to have fun and work hard at the same time. Each individual has their own goal and the club helps them achieve it.

"The club helped me focus better," said Brown. He commented on how the training has led him to be able to focus better in not just boxing, but in other things as well. Brown said

that without this enhanced focus, he doesn't know how he would have dealt with all of his school work as well as he has.

The club has a \$15 membership fee. They hold practices every night during the week in room 221 of the Sports and Fitness Center. For more information about the boxing club, contact Tyson Brown at brownnt@uwstout.edu.

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Preseason festivities a hit

B-ball bash gave prizes, sneak preview of seasons

By Casey Nold
Sports Editor

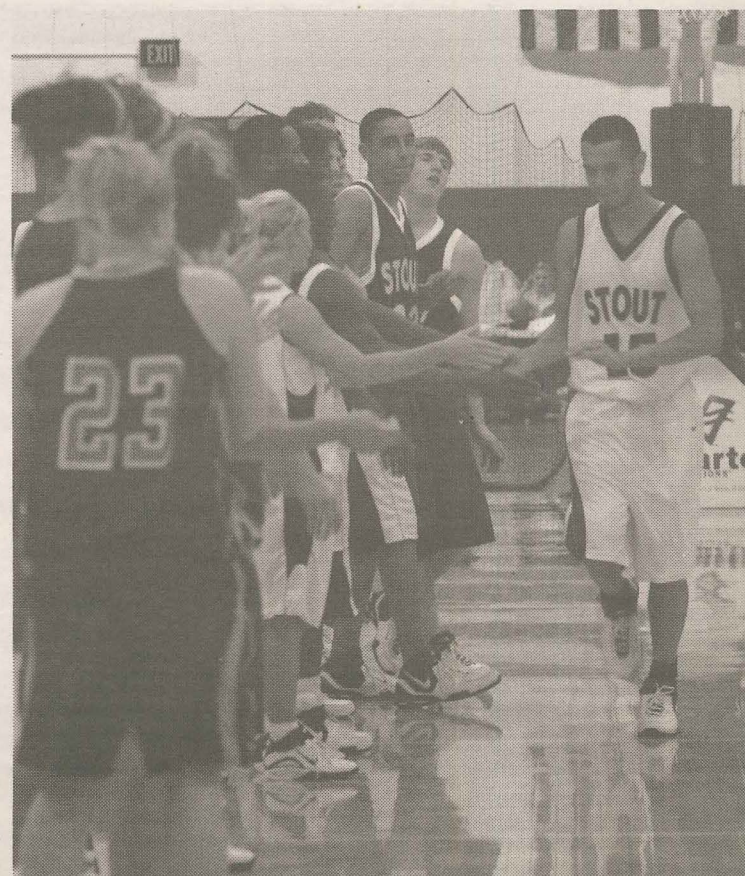
The University of Wisconsin-Stout men's and women's basketball teams hosted the annual basketball bash in the Johnson Field House last night.

A highlight of the evening was the variety of prizes and events available for people of all ages, the most notable of which being the half-court shot for a semester's free tuition. Unfortunately, no student could pull off the half-court shot.

This event was very hands-on and interactive with both teams and the crowd. Approximately 200-300 people joined in the festivities.

Both teams participated in contests for the crowd and other events at the bash.

Perhaps the most exciting event featuring both teams was the 10-minute intrasquad scrimmage, giving the crowd a glimpse of the basketball season to come.



Jeremy Nelson/Stoutonia

Men's and women's basketball teams hosted the annual basketball bash. The crowd was big and and full of energy.

Duoss earns preseason award



Casey Nold
Sports Editor

University of Wisconsin-Stout senior forward basketball player Kelsey Duoss adds another award to her record this week as she was named to the D3hoops.com preseason All-American first team.

D3hoops.com is a Web site source for division III men's and women's basketball.

Duoss has had a long run of awards and victories while on the UW-Stout women's basketball team, and now she starts her last year as a captain and strong leader for all of her teammates.

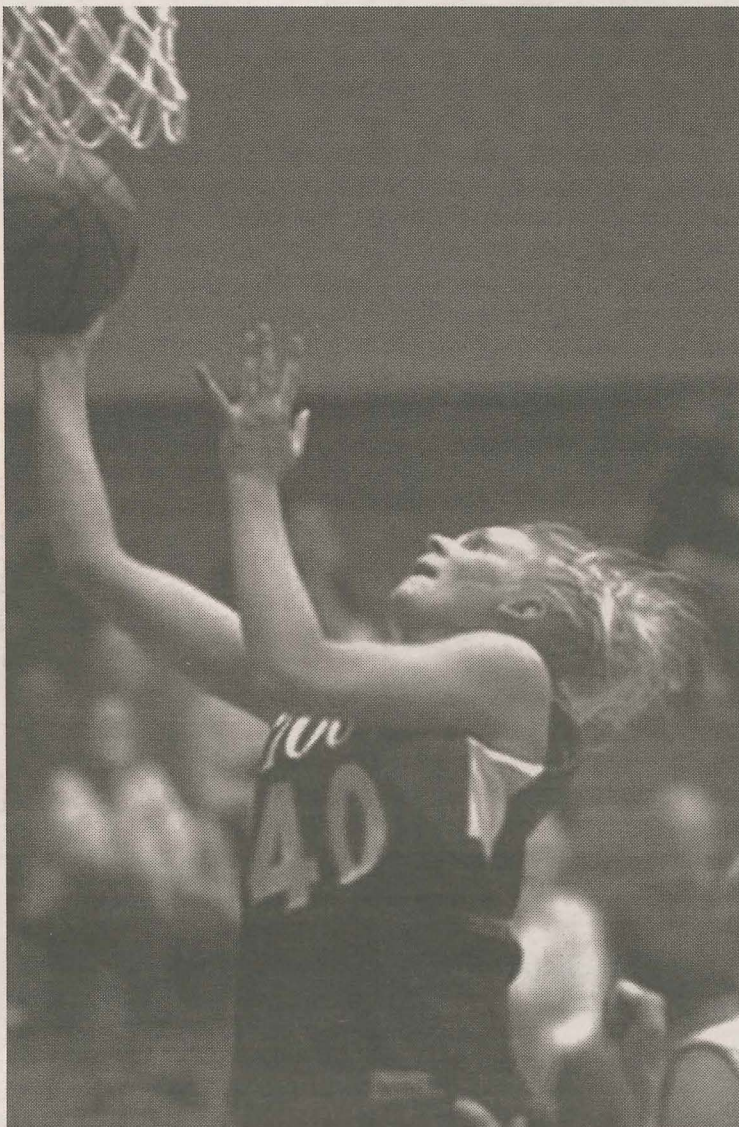
"I hope this year as a captain I can teach, by example, my younger teammates how hard work can really take you places individually and as a team," said Duoss. "I feel by me going hard everyday in practice they can see the work ethic needed to accomplish all the things our team has accomplished these past couple of years."

Duoss added that the other seniors and upperclassmen are setting the same example to keep their team working hard and prepare the underclassmen for their turn to lead the team.

Last season Duoss shared a team offensive MVP honor award, tied for most free-throws attempted in a game in UW-Stout's history with 15.

She had the best field goal percentage in a season, and had the most blocked shots with 162. She also holds the career record of most blocked shots with 178.

Duoss earned the NCAA Division III Kodak/WBCA All-American team award, D3Hoops.com All-Central Region, and she was named the



Source: www.uwstout.edu/athletics

Senior captain Kelsey Duoss was named to the D3hoops.com preseason All-American first team. Duoss earned over half a dozen awards last year on top of school records and personal achievements.

WIAC Player of the Year.

These are just a few of the things she accomplished last season. Every year during her time at UW-Stout she has earned many awards through her hard work and dedication.

"You can get all these awards but you still have to go out there and prove yourself night after night," said Duoss. "It's what you earn in the end after all your hard work and showing up to play every game that counts and makes it worthwhile."

"I think the greatest accomplishments that I have been a part of at UW-Stout are winning the conference and conference tournament and making it to the

Sweet Sixteen these past two years," said Duoss.

Duoss has accomplished a lot in her college basketball career and after graduating she hopes to keep basketball in her life by coaching. The women's basketball team opens their season Fri., Nov. 17 at the Carroll College Tournament.

"I've really enjoyed my time at Stout and it is definitely an honor to have received this type of recognition," said Duoss.

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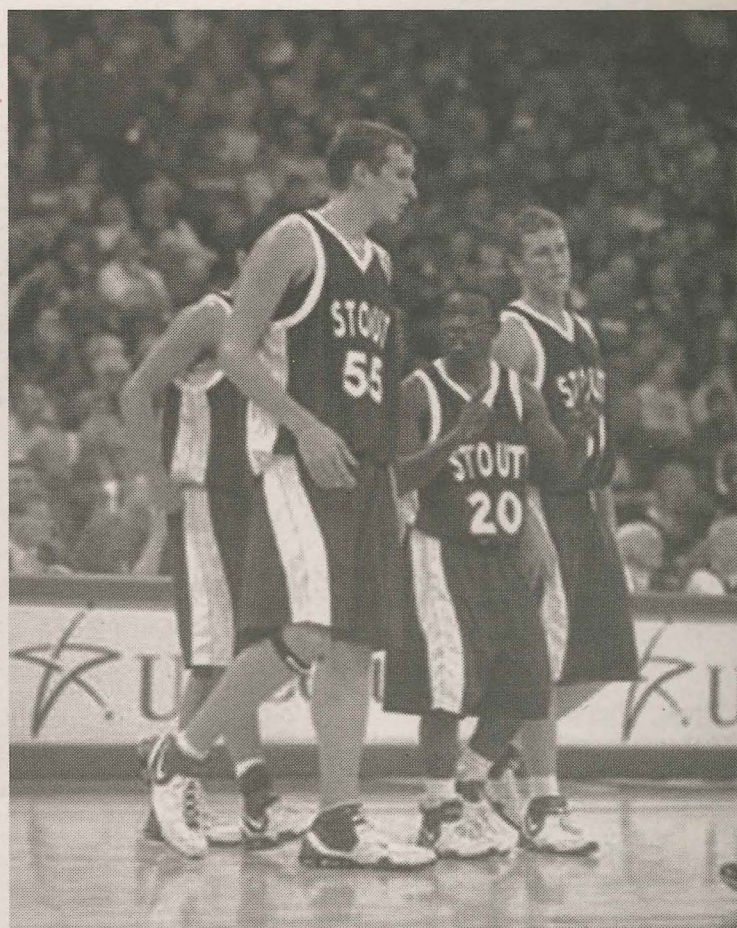
Human beings are the only creatures on earth that allow their children to come back home

-Bill Cosby

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Learning weaknesses

Badgers assist in preseason prep



Source: www.uwstout.edu/athletics

The men's basketball team reflects on Badger game for strengths and weaknesses early in their season. They travel to Bemidji State to take on the Beavers for their season opener.

By Joshua E. Fox
Sports Writer

On Friday, Nov. 3, the University of Wisconsin-Stout men's basketball team traveled to the Kohl Center in Madison, Wis. to go head-to-head with the Wisconsin Badgers in a scrimmage game. Although they lost 82-33, it was a valuable experience for the Blue Devils.

"It was a big-time experience for our guys," said coach Eddie Andrist. "It gave our players a great appreciation for what it's like in the big time, and it doesn't get any bigger than that."

Andrist said that the team did not perform very well because right now, they are not a very strong team. Losing 11 letter winners and having 13 new faces will make competing difficult.

Andrist said that he is not sure there is anything they could have done differently.

"We needed to find out our strengths and weaknesses, and boy did we find out our weaknesses," said Andrist.

Andrist also mentioned the game will have no effect on the start of the season whatsoever. That game is a distant memory as the team prepares to do battle with Bemidji.

Jacob Nonemacher, a senior in construction management, said that playing against a team like the Badgers helped the Blue Devils and their new players get the season started.

His brother John Nonemacher, a senior in psychology, said it will do nothing but help them this season.

"If anyone gets the chance to play a game like that they should take it," said John Nonemacher. "The best part is getting chants with your name in it from the Badgers' student body. Got to love the grateful red."

"Playing at the Kohl center, having 8,000 students riding you, and being able to shut them up with a dunk or a block was a great feeling," said Jacob Nonemacher.

"I really appreciate the opportunity this presented to our team," said Andrist. "I am forever grateful to Bo Ryan and the Wisconsin Badgers for hosting us. It was truly special."

The UW-Stout Blue Devil men's basketball team travels to the Bemidji State University for their season opener on Friday, Nov. 17.

The teams first home game is Wednesday, Nov. 29 against the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

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ATHLETE of the week

THE FACTS: Soccer: Senior Al Smith from Chippewa Falls, Wis. majoring in business administration is the athlete of the week.

Smith was named to the 2006 All-WIAC soccer team. She scored two goals in her four-year career; both were game-winning goals. She scored the game winner against MSOE this year.

BLUE DEVIL SCOREBOARD

HOCKEY (4-0-1)

FINAL 4-2

The Hockey team wins beats St. John's University 2-0 and turns around for a second win against Augsburg College 4-2 last weekend.

Next Game:

Fri., Nov. 17 hosting UW-Stevens Point



FOOTBALL (3-7)

FINAL 20-19

Football takes one point loss from UW-Stevens Point in their last game of the season. UW-Stout handed UW-Stevens Point six turnovers during the game.



WOMEN'S CC

10th of 38

The women's cross country team placed 10th at the NCAA Regionals

Next Game:

Sat., Nov. 18 at Wilmington College
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MEN'S CC

22nd of 37

Men's cross country placed 22nd at the NCAA Regionals

Next game:

Sat., Nov 18 at Wilmington College
NCAA Championships



Women's basketball starts year

By Megan McCarthy
Sports Writer

With second consecutive Wisconsin Basketball Coach of the Year award winner Mark Thomas, the team begins another year of Blue Devil women's basketball.

The team finished last season 22-8 overall and 12-4 in the WIAC. They won their second consecutive WIAC women's basketball title and second consecutive trip to the NCAA Division III Sweet Sixteen game.

"I feel that we have a great chance to have a successful season," said Joanna Bird, a junior in service management. "We have the opportunity to accomplish a third repeat for the conference championship as well as the conference tournament championship, but above and beyond that we are striving to go even further than the last two seasons."

The team has already played two preseason scrimmages, helping them prepare for their debut this Friday.

"Preseason scrimmages always help us prepare because we can finally play against someone else and try a lot of new things or new combinations to see what will work," said Kelsey Duoss, a senior in apparel design.

The Blue Devils' offense and defense should look a lot like last year. They will be using many of the same plays and working with the same system the team has always run. They plan to work at this system until everyone on the team is confident with the team's methods and execution.

"The team has a great work ethic and is always striving to get better," said Lindsey Geissler, a junior in applied science.

The Lady Blue Devils will play 12 of their first 14 games on the road. This will be a huge obstacle to overcome.

"Road games are good times to bond together and build as a team," said Bird.

There will only be nine home games this season, which is disappointing news for the UW-Stout fans who enjoy watching these girls play.

This year's team is filled with very dedicated people. Having already played two pre-game scrimmages, the Blue Devils are preparing and expecting to win the WIAC Women's Basketball Championship.

The team travels to Carroll College for a weekend tournament and their season opener.

They play Benedictine University in their first game and Carroll College or Edgewood College for their second season game.

Their first home game is Tuesday, Nov. 21 against Northwestern College.



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The women's basketball team starts their season this Friday. The team only has nine home games, so basketball fans, enjoy them while you can.

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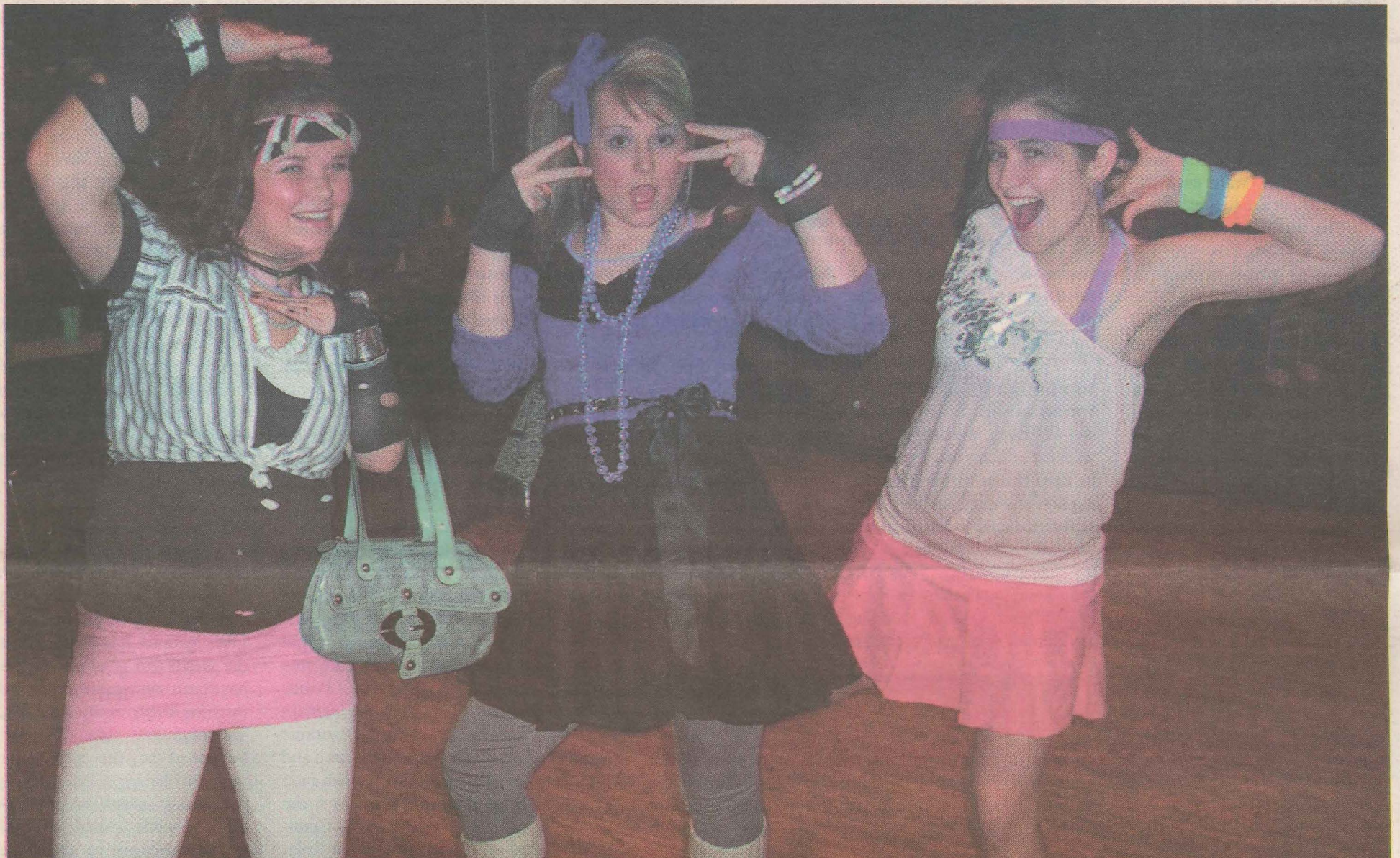
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MSC celebrates 21st birthday and remembers roots



Jason Harsh/Stoutonia

For all you know, we could have dug this photo out of the archives. But we didn't. These girls (from left to right: sophomores Randa Stone, Andrea Brower and Brittanee Paquin) are helping celebrate the Memorial Student Center's 21st birthday at the '80s theme party, organized by the Involvement Leadership Center. Streamers, balloons and doors wrapped up as packages were some of the decorations that were displayed throughout the facility.

By Kyle Kingston
Editor-in-Chief

For a brief time last night, it was 1985 all over again.

"Loveshack" by the B-52's had no trouble making itself heard from down the hall.

Pillars in the Memorial Student Center were all covered in birthday wrapping paper.

In back of the Great Hall—which has been done up like a school dance out of the Reagan era—is a display of photos culled from the UW-Stout archives, chronicling key moments of the MSC's history.

No doubt about it, the MSC celebrated its 21st birthday in style, courtesy of the Involvement Leadership Center.

For the past few days, the gala was foretold via mailed party hats and magnets and numerous nods to the '80s, most notably a daily set of trivia questions sent out in e-mails from the SSA Office.

Students and faculty were invited to answer the questions—many of which dealt with '80s cinema—for prizes that included candy and ice cream.

"For most of the semester we've been working to put this together, though everything's really come together over the last two months," said Michelle Anderson, a key member of the new programming team of the Involvement Leadership Center. She added that one of the bigger challenges was procuring decorations for the '80s feel.

Yuletide concert by the UW-Stout choir, band

By Candice Maier
News Writer

The holiday season is quickly approaching, and the University of Wisconsin-Stout band and choir are helping the student body get into the spirit with their Christmas concerts.

UW-Stout bands are directed by Stephanie Graber and Patty Lehman.

The concert and jazz band will present their annual Winter Holiday Concert at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3 in the Great Hall of the Memorial Student Center. Tickets may be purchased in advance from the SOC desk and can also be picked up at the door. Prices are \$10 for the whole family

and \$5 for individuals.

The concert will include a classic Christmas sing-a-long arranged by James Ployhar. The event is open to students, staff, community members and area citizens.

An arrangement of concert musical pieces will be played, including Major Howe's "Pentland Hill" and Claude T. Smith's "Prelude on Adeste Fidelis." Soloist Ben Herpel-Dobay will be featured on the alto saxophone.

The UW-Stout Symphonic Singers and Vocal Jazz Ensemble will be singing on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 6 p.m. in Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 910 9th Street.

Both choirs are directed

by Patrick Liebergen. The Symphonic Singers will be accompanied by Joy Becker.

The concert will begin with the "Procession" of "A Ceremony of Carols," by Benjamin Britten. The choir will be performing two pieces arranged by Liebergen entitled "Domine Fili Unigenite" and "Christmas Classic Celebration."

The choir will leave the audience with John Rutter's traditional "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

"Symphonic Singers have been working hard on these songs. We're looking forward to the final concert," says Kim Greenstein, a sophomore in retail and consumer sciences.

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Looking for a pet but strapped for cash?

Dunn County Humane Society asks for sponsors

By Cassie Davis
News Writer

Students who have wanted to adopt a pet but have found the adoption fees a little too steep might be in luck this holiday season.

The Dunn County Humane Society is running a campaign called Home 4 the Holidays from Nov. 2 to Jan. 2 in an effort to reduce adoption fees.

The mission of the campaign is to find sponsors to donate money that will go toward a portion of the regular adoption fee. In return, sponsors will have a sign featuring their name on the shelter wall until the sponsored pet is adopted.

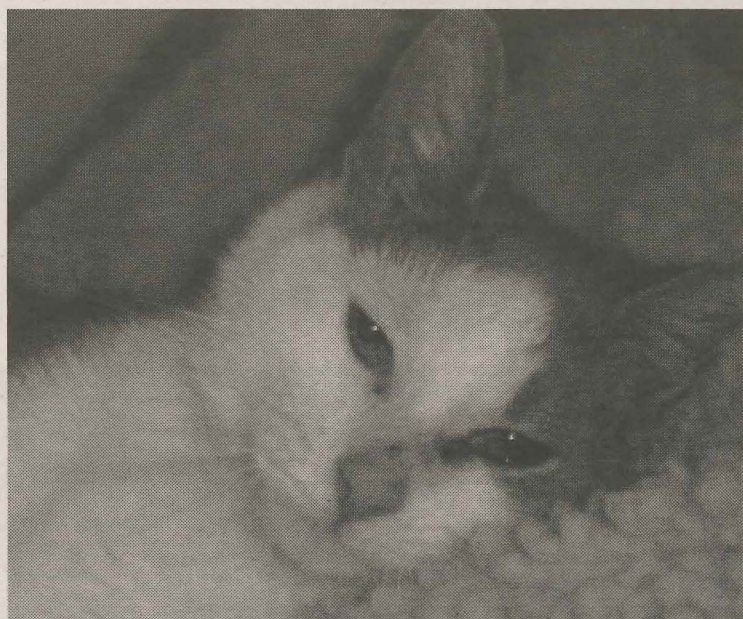
The minimum donation to become a sponsor is \$10, but sponsorship is open to groups as well as individuals.

Families, businesses and organizations are all invited to sponsor an animal.

Regular adoption fees for dogs or puppies usually range from \$59 to \$89. For cats and kittens, the usual fee ranges from \$49 to \$79.

The shelter has a policy regarding pets that are not spayed or neutered. The operation must be done within 30 days of adoption at the owner's expense.

Pet owners are also invited to participate in a pet portrait



source: www.dchs.petfinder.org

This cuddly kitty named Teresa is one of the many animals sponsored through the Home 4 the Holidays program.

fundraiser. Pet owners can reserve a spot to have photos taken of their pets on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There are other ways to help the Dunn County Humane Society as well. During this season of giving, the shelter has a wish list of items that are needed to keep things running including non-clumping cat litter, hand sanitizer, laundry detergent and new collars and leashes.

Those who want to spread a little holiday cheer to the four-legged kind without spending any money can participate in

volunteer activities at the shelter such as dog walking, cat socializing, office support and shelter maintenance.

A short orientation is required for all volunteers. Potential volunteers can sign up for an orientation session by calling the shelter at (715) 232-9790.

For more information about the Home 4 the Holidays campaign, other volunteer options, or adopting a pet, visit the Dunn County Humane Society Web site at www.petfinder.com/shelters/dchs.html.

NEWS for the college attention span

Groom killed at bachelor party

New York police shot 50 rounds at Sean Bell as he drove away from his bachelor party. The groom never made it down the aisle with his high school sweetheart. Bell was involved in a verbal dispute outside of a club at 4 a.m. An undercover policeman had followed him and the rest of the party. It is unclear what prompted police to open fire.

Death by bookcase

Friends and family of Mariesa Weber had been looking for her for almost two weeks. They finally found her body wedged upside-down behind a bookcase in her home. It is thought that Weber was adjusting a television plug by standing on a bureau next to the shelf. They believe she had fallen head first behind the bookcase. At only five feet three inches and under 100 pounds, she easily fit and could not get out. She died of suffocation.

Plane old discrimination

Six Muslim scholars were removed from a US Airways flight on Monday, Nov. 20 in Minneapolis, Minn. One passenger was concerned about the Muslims and passed a note to a flight attendant. Police were called after the captain and airport security workers had asked the men to leave and they refused. The Muslim men did nothing to cause any harm and are now having the Council on American Islamic Relations investigate.

Show me the goods

All air travelers entering the United States will need to show a passport beginning Jan. 23, 2007. Until recently, U.S. citizens traveling from Canada, Bermuda or Mexico could show a driver's license or birth certificate to get back into the states, but now a passport will be required. Homeland Security announced this will build a better level of security for our country.

Snow in Florida...but not here

A few snowflakes were spotted in central Florida. The snowflakes were mixed with rain and fell this past Tuesday. Some of the flakes did hit the ground before melting. The last time snow was spotted in this area was in 2003. Snow shovels were not needed, but the flakes marked another day in weather history.

Taking out cats and dogs

An outbreak of bird flu in Seoul, South Korea has prompted plans to kill cats and dogs in the area to prevent the spread of the flu. Many officials oppose the plans saying that they have no medical or scientific base to suggest that dogs or cats would be able to spread the flu. So far they have killed 125,000 chickens and plan to slaughter a total of 236,000 birds to ensure the flu doesn't spread. Officials believe killing the birds would suffice but plan to kill dogs and cats in the area as an extra precaution.

Whom can you trust?

Former Sheriff H. Franklin Cassell was arraigned on charges of money laundering and impeding federal agents' investigations. It is believed that the sheriff and 12 of his officers have been confiscating drugs and reselling them in the Roanoke, Va. community since 1998. All but one of the officers plead not guilty to charges of racketeering conspiracy, narcotics distribution, weapons counts, obstruction of justice and perjury. If the sheriff is convicted he will face up to 53 years in prison and a \$1.25 million fine.

Priest in trouble

Former California pastor Doug Porter has been accused of murdering his 85-year-old friend, Frank Craig, in a scam to receive his trust fund. The pastor allegedly gained control of Craig's agriculturally themed museum. Later the pastor crashed the car they were both in and Craig was killed.

Announcement from the SSA

Due to recent vacancies, the SSA is looking for a new Vice President. Must be intelligent, responsible and quick to adapt. Applications are available at the SOC Desk in the MSC.

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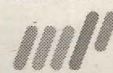
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Many students head to the woods as hunting season starts

By Katie Kenner
Entertainment Writer

Deer hunting is a popular sport across Wisconsin, and Menomonie is no exception.

On the Facebook Web site, 61 students are in the group "Monster Buck Hunters of America" and 76 students are in "I live to go hunting."

Many people hunt for the sport while others are there for the time spent with friends. Brian Ring, a junior in construction management, said that to him, deer hunting is mostly a time for camaraderie between people you don't usually get to see. Some students were quite serious about utilizing the nine-day hunt and missed the two school days that occur during gun deer season while others feared they would fall too far behind in their classes.

Hunters were excited to hear this year that Earn a Buck and Herd Control (T Zone) tags were \$2 with no limit. Regular units were \$12, but many of those units had 500 to 16,000 tags available. The DNR is hoping that this will reduce the 1.7 million deer population.



Student Brian Ring enjoyed the thrill of a good hunt and a good kill as did many other students over Thanksgiving break.

During the 2006 hunt, 644,764 gun deer licenses were purchased. Hunters who waited until Friday, the night before opening, got to wait in long lines at the local Wal-Mart, Gander Mountain or Scheels. Lots of people waited

to get supplies and found out that there was a shortage on backtag holders and orange stocking caps across the state.

The Wisconsin DNR reported 167,573 deer were killed on opening weekend. The number was up 6,500



Contributed Photos

from last year's opening weekend. According to preliminary counts from Tuesday, Nov. 28, 336,211 deer were registered over the nine-day hunt. Wildlife officials stress that this is a preliminary figure and will likely change somewhat. The

preliminary total from the 2005 nine-day season was 312,519 deer. An 18 percent increase in the antler-less deer harvest and a six percent decline in the buck harvest from 2005 was recorded with 129,649 bucks and 206,562 antler-less deer being registered.

One person was killed and nine hunters were injured during the nine-day hunt, according to state law enforcement and conservation officials. Opening weekend was one of the safest in history with three self-inflicted accidents.

Half of the firearm accidents that happened this season occurred during deer drives with hunters walking through woods or fields to flush out deer. Five injuries were attributed to gun handling inconsistent with the basic rules of firearm safety. The ten-year average for accidents and deaths in Wisconsin is 16.4 and two, respectively.

With almost 650,000 licenses sold, the incident rate this year was 1.5 per 100,000 hunters, while the national average for hunting incident rates is around five per 100,000 participants.

Katrina relief volunteers in Kiln, Miss.

By Jenny Stabenow
News Writer

Twenty-four students from the University of Wisconsin-Stout will be heading to Kiln, Miss. on Jan. 13 to aid in Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. Four minivans will depart from Menomonie and will go straight to Kiln.

The group is going through an organization called Community Collaborations, which will set them up with housing and meals.

Renae Jefferies, a resident of Waveland, Miss., will be leading the group.

She will assign various projects, such as painting,

hanging drywall, gutting, helping at other houses and volunteering at area schools.

"Our group will basically be at Renae's disposal for the week and we will provide her with any help that she needs," said group leader Tim Schommer.

The average day will consist of breakfast at a volunteer housing site at 7 a.m. Then students will go to the designated work site until about 3 p.m. At 6 p.m. they will be back at the housing site for dinner and will be able to relax for the rest of the evening.

The trip will not only consist of volunteering, but students will also be able to

explore several areas across Mississippi. They will have a mid-week adventure and dinner trip to one of several areas such as Ocean Springs, Biloxi, Gulf Port or even New Orleans.

Everyone is encouraged to assist in the relief efforts following Hurricane Katrina by attending a spaghetti dinner to raise money. It will be held on Dec. 5 at the Leisure Center in Menomonie from 5 to 8 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased for \$5 either in advance from Tim Schommer at schommert@uwstout.edu or at the door.

City of Menomonie

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Tenants should check their lease agreements to determine if they are responsible for the snow and ice removal. If you are leaving town please make arrangements for the maintenance. The cooperation by all city residents will help ensure convenient and safe pedestrian travel during the winter months.

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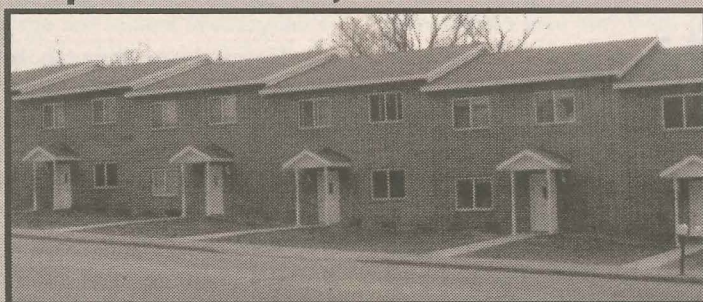
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Jump around

A noise complaint was made in response to five males jumping on a trampoline, in the South Hall volleyball court. One of the men claimed he had gotten permission from an RA to use the trampoline but the RA disagreed. The police asked the men to remove the trampoline and they complied.

Dildo on JTC

The recently painted JTC exterior door was vandalized with the word "Dildo" painted on it. No suspects have been identified.

Car sickness?

A student reported her car was damaged in a UW-Stout parking lot. Both side mirrors were damaged, the passenger side door was kicked and scratched and there was vomit on the trunk.

Abandoned lawn mower

A police officer found a lawn mower on the sidewalk in front of South Hall. The officer

moved it to a bike rack to prevent any possible accidents.

Missed the bus

A UW-Stout student from Germany was unable to be found for a couple of hours. Her father from the UK had called to find out why she didn't make her 5:15 a.m. bus ride to the Twin Cities.

Police went to search her room and found it vacant. They were told she had been at a house party the night before and went looking for her there. After an extensive search, they finally found her in a friend's room.

Street kegger?

An officer on duty found a half-barrel keg in the street on 13th Ave E. It was confiscated to prevent traffic hazards. It is unknown who the keg belonged to or where it came from.

Hookah pipe found

Police were called in by the CKTO hall director to search a student's room. The hall director had noticed some suspicious-looking pipes. They found two hookah's, but there was no evidence the student had been smoking marijuana with them. The student was told to take them home over break.

Psi Chi hosting food drive

By Jenny Stabenow
News Writer

The National Honor Society in Psychology, Psi Chi, hosts a food drive every year in the months of November and December.

All of the donations go to local food pantries and the community.

The group is not only asking for canned goods this year, but paper and hygiene products as well.

Items such as diapers, toilet paper, paper towels, baby wipes, sham-

poo, conditioner and toothpaste have been added to the list.

"It is a way to get the university involved in helping out those who are not so fortunate,"

said Stacey Pream, a leader in Psi Chi.

Psi Chi does many service events throughout the year. Each semester the group participates in Adopt-a-Highway where they clean up a two-mile stretch on Highway P.

They also "adopt" a family during the Christmas season where they buy gifts and wrap them for a family.

Psi Chi relies on the students of the University of Wisconsin-Stout to help make donations for the local

community.

Please consider helping Psi Chi this year to make the holidays more enjoyable for local families.

Boxes for the donations are placed in the following locations:

- The Vocational Rehabilitation building—outside of the building, in room 142, and on the third floor
- The Home Economics building—on first floor and third floor
- McCalmont Hall—third floor

All-Campus Leadership Conference

By Jenny Stabenow
News Writer

The 11th annual All-Campus Leadership Conference will be held on Feb. 3, 2007 at the Memorial Union on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus. It is expected to be the largest conference in its history.

The day will begin with Michael Miller presenting a keynote to focus on active and inspirational leadership. Miller is a nationally known speaker and

he has spoken for the conference once before.

After Miller's presentation and a lunch at the Memorial Union, the students will divide into smaller groups to focus on specific aspects of

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leadership. Each group is led by University of Wisconsin-Madison faculty, coaches, organizational leaders or the

Student Leadership Program members.

"This will be a chance for a more personal connection and teaching the goals of active leaders," said Marissa Looney, the Student Leadership Program's committee chair for the conference. The conference will close with another presentation by Miller. The goal of this conference

is to allow UW students from across the state to unite as they learn valuable leadership skills.

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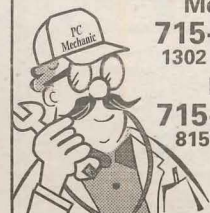
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Not that he's racist, but...

CNN's Beck opens mouth, inserts foot

On the Nov. 14 edition of his CNN Headline News program, Glenn Beck interviewed Rep.-elect Keith Ellison, D-Minn., who became the first Muslim ever elected to Congress on Nov. 7.

During the interview, Beck stated, "I have been nervous about this interview with you, because what I feel like saying is, 'Sir, prove to me that you are not working with our enemies.'"

He added, "And I know you're not. I'm not accusing you of being an enemy, but that's the way I feel, and I think a lot of Americans will feel that way."

Beck has previously stated on his program that Muslim majority neighborhoods and nations could be surrounded by a "razor-wire fence."

On another occasion he asked Walid Phares, a Muslim senior at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, if he would "start blowing up planes."

For program transcripts, you can contact "The Glenn Beck Show" at CNN / One CNN Center, Box 105366 / Atlanta, GA 30303-5366.

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Obituary

Penny Anne Grosskreutz, age 50, of Menomonee, a senior in UW-Stout's vocational rehabilitation program, died Nov. 6 at the Red Cedar Medical Center in Menomonee.

Grosskreutz graduated from Weston High School in 1974 and later received a degree in nursing from La Crosse Technical School.

She worked as a registered nurse in the Wausau Hospital, Sacred Heart Hospital in Eau Claire, and Abbott-Northwest-

ern Hospital in Minneapolis, Minn. for a number of years.

Survivors include two sons, Joshua and Brendon Wieland of Menomonee; two brothers, Gilbert "Butch" Grosskreutz Jr. and William Grosskreutz, both of Arkansas; one sister, Colleen Grosskreutz of Baraboo; a special friend, Dan Schuppel of Menomonee; aunts, uncles and cousins; and other relatives and friends.

Memorial services were held Monday, Nov. 13, at Olson Funeral Home in Menomonee.

Trying not to be paranoid? Try less hard maybe



Staff Editorial The Stoutonia Staff

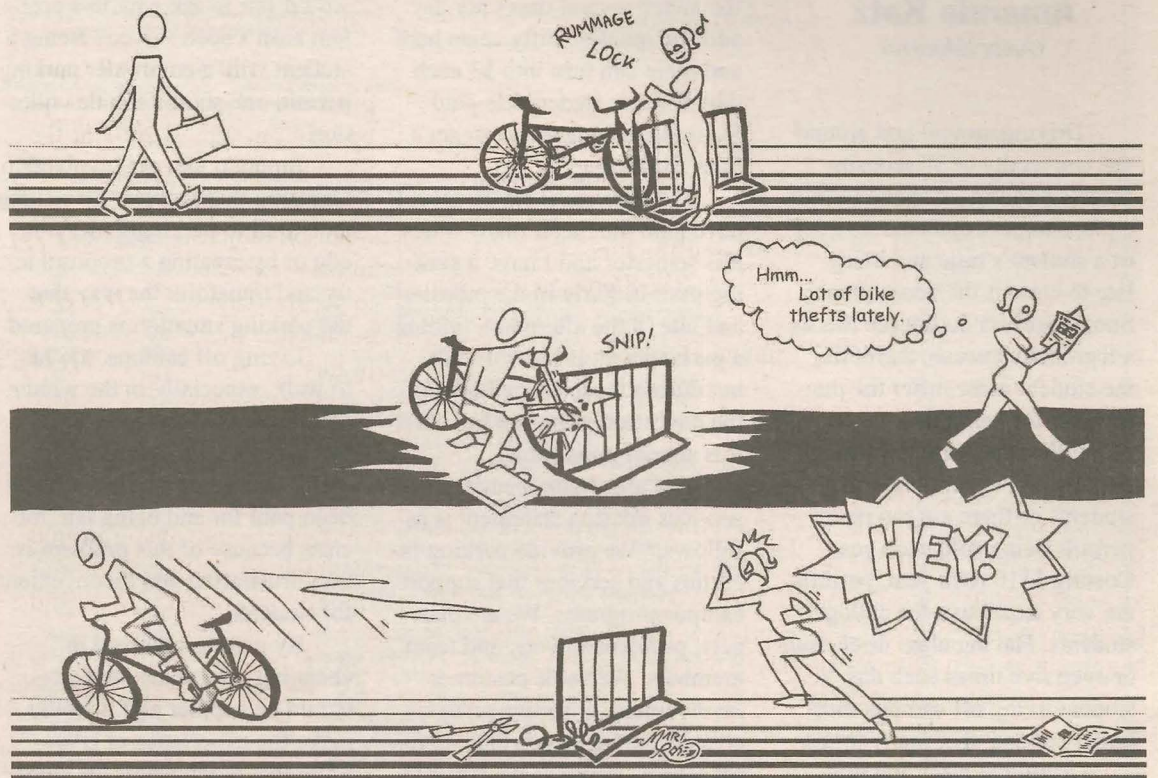
If you're a paranoid person, this editorial won't help you. For a while now the problem of theft has been in the back of a lot of students' minds, but this abominable activity is just now starting to percolate to a higher level. More and more thefts across campus are being reported, leaving students without laptops, wallets, game consoles and/or other valuables.

In fact, *The Stoutonia*

staff has even had a reasonable amount of items stolen from them. Following is a list of some of these items taken from various staff members:

- four bikes
- five frozen pizzas
- three pheasants
- lots of food/alcohol
- lots of things from Wal-Mart
- shampoo and conditioner
- plastic and metal silverware
- some precious stone fragments from the Coliseum in Rome (which in turn had been stolen)
- 1/2 pound of salami

Christmas is coming upon us quickly, and as well as being a grand time for giving, it is also an opportune time for taking. Many of you may have received the e-mail notification stressing the importance of locking your valuables, as The University of Wisconsin-Stout does NOT provide coverage for loss of personal property.



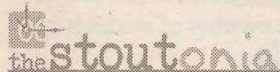
University property, however, (such as laptops and power adapters) are covered if stolen, but the owner of the property will be responsible for paying the claim deductible, which is whatever the insurance doesn't cover. If

a theft occurs and there is evidence of a forced entry or of theft, then the deductible is \$500.00. However, if there is no evidence to support a theft or forced entry, then the deductible is \$2500.00.

So please, for your own

sake, lock your door, your bike, your computer and anything else you care about.

You may appear paranoid, but safety pays in its own way. And you're not paranoid if they're actually out to get you.



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More than just pumpkin



Matt Schubbe Columnist

Pies! Pies, I say! As if my writing weren't already nonsensical enough, it appears that I've started this week's entry with two seemingly unpremeditated exclamatory phrases. But seeing as how this computer does have a working delete key, the reading public can rest assured that I did in fact mean to type those first two sentences. For you see cakes, and in particular, pies are the subject de jour from here on out.

So, what do I mean? Well, I recently had the pleasure of a gorge fest related to everyone's favorite gluttony-excusing holiday, Thanksgiving. This year, in addition to all of my favorite foods, my mother was tasked with bringing dessert to the large family dinner we had with my relatives the Saturday following Thanksgiving Thursday. And this year, she really did it with gusto. She made about six kinds of pie. SIX! Can anyone fathom how truly amazing it is to crawl up to the kitchen counter after eating like a winter walrus and suddenly get a "second hunger wind" from the sheer magnitude of dessert offerings?

Well that's the scene that greeted me, and what a scene it was. It influenced me so much that I began to notice a shift in Thanksgiving eating trends, possibly started by my own dear mum. Turkey, as a rule and a tradition, has always been the star of the show with stuffing as the Robin to its Batman. But, with the range of acceptable pies having expanded from just pumpkin in recent years, the dessert line-up has been steadily gaining momentum as the centerpiece of the modern Thanksgiving meal.

With that said, I do believe that this was pie's year to shine, to finally take its place among the pantheon holiday food icons. Like Hercules taking on the mantle of full godhood, this is a bit of a coup, but most people I've talked to don't seem to mind. Because, seriously, who doesn't love pie? With an almost endless array of options to fill the structure of the crust, how can pie not satisfy as the everyman, the Jimmy Stewart of dessert foods?

Some of you may be wondering what the point to all this is, and rightly so. I've been writing this article in a pie-drenched haze, so please bear with any odd ramblings and murmurings. All I'm really trying to say is that pie is a wonderful invention, and I'm exceedingly happy to see it finally get the respect it deserves. Now if only the same could be said for sugar cones.

Cute little boy band memories



Theresa Radtke Columnist

Yay, we are back at school! I awoke this morning and to my delight, blasting out from the bathrooms was *NSYNC's Christmas album. Now there is a boy band that I miss. I didn't need any 98° or Backstreet Boys. For me, *NSYNC became popular when I was in fourth grade.

Justin was the hottest one of them all, with his little curls. Secretly though, I had a little thing for Lance. I think it was more because nobody else really liked him and he didn't get as much attention as Justin. I wouldn't say he was hot, but I've said this before a lot and now I think it's time to write it down: the hot ones always turn out to be gay.

*NSYNC was the best out of all the boy bands because in each of their albums produced, they would write little paragraphs about themselves. Each one started out the same: I would like to thank God for everything he has done for me so far...or something along those lines. The band was cute and produced cute little ballads.

Seriously though, I really do miss the boy band. I got a kick out of all their songs, and

their harmonies were so beautiful. Justin's voice can get so high that at times I wondered if my voice could get that high. Plus I could always count on several other voices joining him in unison. I miss all their little dance moves too.

The choreography was just silly at times, but that didn't stop them from doing it! Something spawned from them too, which was some kind of "learn to dance" video tape where an average Joe could learn *NSYNC's moves. A friend of mine from high school actually had the tape. He did a project for a class and used some of the new dance moves he learned. Needless to say, it was probably one of the most hilarious school projects I had seen throughout my four years of high school. Regardless of how silly, the dance moves were classic. I think Brittany Spears even mimicked some of them.

Their Christmas album though, it really is swell. It's called "NSYNC Home for the Holidays." They re-recorded a lot of classics but also put some of their own style into them. I'm not a die-hard fan or anything so I don't know if there are any other Christmas albums they've made, but if they have, I'm sure they are just as awesome!

I have also been seriously considering burning a couple of copies of the CD and giving them away as Christmas presents this season.

Parking services, or lack thereof

Amanda Katz

Guest Editorial

Driving around and around the University of Wisconsin-Stout's parking lot trying to find a place to park can take up a lot of a student's time and being late to class is the consequence. Some teachers do not see this as a legitimate excuse; therefore, the student must suffer the punishment for being late.

Either there are not enough parking places for commuter students or there are too many permits being sold each year. Costing \$110 each year, permits are very expensive for college students. Having class three, four or even five times each day, a student living off campus must find a parking spot many times.

Driving to class and finding out that there are no parking spots available and having to pay

the meter several times per day adds up quickly. Fifty cents here and there can turn into \$3 each day. When a student has paid \$110 for parking, this can get a little frustrating.

From personal experience, I have paid the meter many times this semester and I have a parking permit. Early in the morning and late in the afternoon, finding a parking spot is less difficult, but during those prime hours of the day when everyone has class it is almost impossible.

The university's parking services mission statement is as follows, "We provide parking facilities and services that support campus programs. We are planners, problem solvers, and team members. We value customer involvement, objective analysis, creative problem-solving and fiscal responsibility as we strive to deliver exceptional service."

If this is indeed true, then

isn't it fair to ask why this problem hasn't been solved? Being a student with a commuter parking permit, one should ask this question.

Students can get involved in changing this problem by writing an e-mail to parking@uwstout.edu or by creating a proposal to try and transform the way that the parking situation is prepared.

Living off campus, too far to walk, especially in the winter, commuter students have to face this problem daily. Paying the meter when a permit has already been paid for and being late for class because of this problem is very frustrating and inconvenient for students.

By getting involved in changing this, many students would be happier and it would make the experience at UW-Stout that much better for commuter students and their professors.

This is college, right?

Rachael Flug

Copy Editor

What is up with college kids these days? Do people honestly think that just because they are going to college, they will automatically pass all their classes and get a high-paying job?

I can't believe the things that students say and do, or don't do, during class. I have been to three colleges in five years, and I have seen a lot of crap. However, this semester has beaten them all. I'm starting to think that each year, the students actually get worse.

So, what are the problems with students?

First of all, many don't come to class regularly. It's understandable to miss some classes, but if you're missing more than half the semester, you are totally wasting your money and are not going to get a good grade. In fact, you'll be lucky to pass. I have been guilty of skipping class. The classes in which I missed the most have been my lowest grades.

Almost as bad, if not worse, are the students that are chronically late. And they don't try to sneak in unnoticed. They slam the door, squeeze through the rows, plop down their bags and begin ruffling through things loudly. This used to be socially unacceptable, and I find it to be extremely rude to the professor and to the other students.

Then, if they do show up, they don't take notes! I honestly have never seen this before, nor do I understand it. Apparently there are a lot of students with photographic memories. I overheard one student say, "What's the point in taking notes, the PowerPoints are online?" Here's a secret, everything isn't on the PowerPoints. They are simply an outline of a lecture. Not to mention, when you write something you're more likely to remember it.

"The purpose of a college class is to advance your learning in that course," said "How to Learn in Class" by Jeffrey Gordon. "The ideas that are presented, explained, and developed are often not duplicated in the text."

Of course, there are those that are present in body, but absent in mind and spirit. They're playing on the computer, text messaging under the desk, or are sleeping. I have even seen a kid get up and leave to answer a cell phone call! Honestly, was it that important of a call that it couldn't wait until class was over? Why are any of you even in class? If you're not going to pay attention, do all this other stuff at home. I myself have succumbed to the temptation of "Facebooking" and instant messaging during class. That is why I have decided to take control and leave my computer at home

unless I need it.

"I hate how she lectures everyday. I just don't learn this way," said one student in one of my classes. It's a history class, what'd you expect? Professors lecture. It's one of the main points of class, especially general education courses.

"In four years of college you will spend almost 2,000 hours in classrooms listening to lectures and participating in class discussions," said Gordon.

So, get used to it. It might not be your method of learning, but you have to try to incorporate your method of learning into studying. I'm a visual learner. I write things down in different colors to help me learn better when studying. Different learning styles are taken into account later in the program courses. But with history, English, etc., it's a little difficult to incorporate kinesthetic and other learning types considering the subject matter and the number of students in each class.

And time after time, I hear about how bad the professor is. I'm not saying that all professors are excellent. Some of the problems do fall in their lap. It is definitely a two-way street. But I think that students take a greater share in the problems. And then blame it on bad teaching when in fact it is bad learning.

Students need to stop wasting their money on an education that they aren't receiving.

People need to start taking responsibility for their education. This isn't high school anymore. It's not about grades, but about understanding and learning. But you shouldn't coast through with the "Cs get degrees" mentality either. You are here by choice. You are choosing to further yourself. Why are you wasting your time if you are not actively working towards this goal?

Students today need to be better at learning. How? Come to class prepared, or at least be attentive and take notes. If you don't understand something, ask someone. This can be another student, the teacher during class, or if you're still too afraid to raise your hand and look like an "idiot" because you care about learning the material, you can go to the professor's office. There's a reason they have office hours. Take advantage of them.

If you still don't understand, don't be afraid to get a tutor. Seeking assistance isn't a sign of weakness. It shows initiative and a desire to learn. Plus, it's better to ask for help and take advantage of the free help here in college, than not understand it and need it later, and pay for it.

If you need help learning how to learn, I found this Web site really useful and insightful, www.studygs.net. Check it out. The worse that could happen is that you might actually learn something.

Ask Zombie Socrates.



Zombie Socrates

Philosopher and Advice Columnist

Hey, kids, it's me: *Zombie Socrates*. I'm back from the dead and in *Menomonee* for the time being, so I thought I could do my part for society by giving advice to you young whippersnappers and answer any questions you might have about the meaning of life, truth, justice, girlfriend/boyfriend squabbles or anything in between. The shop is open, so ask away!

Dear *Zombie Socrates*,
God came to me in a dream and told me the meaning of life. Thing is, all I remember involves cavemen, geckos and clam dip. Can you help me?

Sincerely,
Existentially Challenged

Dear *Challenged*,
I am terribly sorry to inform you son, I really am, but I am afraid that what you experienced could only have been brought on by a tremendous amount of illegal drugs. Most likely a lot of marijuana and some acid followed by a particularly intense bout of ether and/or vicodin. I am frankly surprised you remember this much, and I strongly recommend you seek immediate medical attention as you should realistically not be alive anymore. I don't usually predict the future, but I am receiving strong visions of your stomach being

pumped in the near future.

Dear *Zombie Socrates*,
When you get up in the morning for classes, how do you prevent yourself from turning off your alarm clock and then falling back to sleep?

Sincerely,
Lately Late

Dear *Lately*,
I used to have this problem all the time when I was but a wee young laddie. Although we didn't have alarm clocks back in those days, I usually just shut the window to keep those damn birds from chirping. "Son of Zeus!" I would shout at them, but they would not cease. But I digress. Back to your issue, I can see how that could be troublesome and difficult, especially for those 8:00a.m. classes. Although you've probably already tried this, keep the window and drapes open when you go to sleep. The natural sunlight pouring through the windows in the morning (and cold air this time of year) should help somewhat, especially if you fall asleep so as to let the light shine onto your face. You could also try placing your alarm clock as far away from your bed as possible, even at the other end of the room, so when it goes off it actually forces you to get out of bed and walk a little to turn it off. This way you will be at least somewhat out of the fog when you awake. If none of these other things work, as a last resort I would set multiple alarms that go off at different times; one that goes off earlier giving you time to eat and brush your teeth and another louder emergency one that goes off 10 minutes before

your class starts so you will be panicked and forced to get up. Add more alarms if need be.

Dear *Zombie Socrates*,
What does hemlock taste like?
Sincerely,
Morbid in Minneapolis

Dear *Morbid*,
Ha ha. You are such a funny, funny man. Seriously, did your friends put you up to that one, or are you just that much of a smartass? Not that I'm bitter about my experiences. (See? "Bitter?" I can be funny too.)
Hemlock. Well, you don't get very long to analyze the flavor actually, and by the time the aftertaste hits you're likely in the afterlife. Poison hemlock has been used as a sedative and for its antispasmodic properties. It was also used by Greek and Arab physicians for a variety of problems, such as arthritis. However, it wasn't always effective as the difference between a therapeutic and a toxic amount is very slight. Overdoses can produce paralysis and loss of speech being followed by depression of the respiratory function and then death. In rare cases, such as with myself, hemlock has been known to cause the drinker to lose all bowel control. (I'm sorry, was that an overshare?) As for taste? I've heard it compared to mouse urine. Personally, the closest modern equivalent, I feel, is Miller High Life Lite.

If you have any questions you would like to ask me, simply send them to stoutonia@uwstout.edu, and be sure to include *Zombie Socrates* in the subject header!

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			EU	PP	EU	PP		
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #3	\$175	\$175	n/a	n/a	Inc. utilities, bath off hallway, washer/dryer	SR
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #6	\$195	\$195	n/a	n/a	Inc. utilities, bath off hallway, washer/dryer	SR
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #7	\$195	\$195	n/a	n/a	Inc. utilities, bath off hallway, washer/dryer	SR
1	1	2006 5th Street E. Apt C	\$275	\$275	\$275	\$275	Includes Utilities! Newer, large bedrooms, w/d, a/c,	SR
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #1	\$280	\$280	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc. storage, close to campus	6
1	1	702 4th Street	\$290	\$290	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc. storage, close to campus	6
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #2	\$300	\$300	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc. storage, close to campus	6
1	1	1203 1/2 14th Avenue East	\$325	\$325	n/a	n/a	upper duplex, nice size rooms	D
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #3	\$330	\$330	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc. storage, close to campus	6
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #5	\$335	\$335	n/a	n/a	Great location, utilities Included Parking	8
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #4	\$340	\$340	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc. storage, close to campus	6
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #8	\$360	\$360	n/a	n/a	Great location, util. Incl. Parking	8
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #9	\$365	\$365	n/a	n/a	great location, includes WSG & heat	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #4	\$365	\$365	n/a	n/a	great location, includes WSG & heat, parking	A
1	1	1218 1/2 9th Street	\$375	\$375	n/a	n/a	gas heat, upper duplex, great location	D
1	1	1520 7th Street	\$390	\$390	n/a	n/a	close to campus, parking, Washer/dryer	D
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #3	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	great location, includes WSG & heat	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #8	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	great location, includes WSG & heat, parking	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #3	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	Great location, util. Incl. Parking	8
1	1	421 1/2 13th Avenue West	\$395	\$395	\$500	\$500	super nice, great location, storage	D
1	1	421 Wilson Avenue #3	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat, WSG, hot water, parking	6
1	1	333 1/2 Main Street #1	\$420	\$420	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat, WSG, downtown location	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #1	\$475	\$475	n/a	n/a	Great location, util. Incl. Parking	8
2	1	1506 1/2 6th Street	\$330	\$165	\$430	\$215	enclosed front porch, great location	D
2	1	1218 9th Street	\$350	\$175	n/a	n/a	gas heat, lower duplex, great location	D
2	1	921 Main Street #4	\$360	\$180	\$460	\$230	Good location, parking	4
2	1	115 Main Street West	\$380	\$190	\$500	\$250	Close to campus and downtown	3
2	1	915 1/2 Main Street	\$395	\$198	\$495	\$248	good location in duplex, w parking	D
2	1	620 15th Avenue	\$400	\$200	\$600	\$300	upper duplex, very nice close to campus	D
2	1	1506 6th Street	\$420	\$210	\$570	\$285	huge bedrooms, enclosed front porch	D
2	1	2121 5th Street #A	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Inc. WSG, washer dryer	4
2	1	2121 5th Street #B	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Inc. WSG, washer dryer	4
2	1	2121 5th Street #C	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Inc. WSG, washer dryer	4
2	1	421 13th Avenue West	\$425	\$213	\$550	\$275	gas heat, hardwood floors, storage	D
2	1	414 1/2 12th Avenue West	\$430	\$215	\$540	\$270	large, great location, parking	D
2	1	619 13th Avenue	\$450	\$225	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat WSG hot water, excellent location	4
2	1	1221 1/2 7th Street	\$460	\$230	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat, WSG, hot water, excellent location	4
2	1	619 1/2 13th Avenue	\$480	\$240	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat WSG hot water, excellent location	4
2	1	620 1/2 9th Avenue	\$500	\$250	\$660	\$330	close to campus, large nice rooms	3
2	1	802 6th Avenue #5	\$525	\$263	n/a	n/a	Includes all utilities parking	6
2	1	802 6th Avenue #6	\$525	\$263	n/a	n/a	Includes all utilities parking	6
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #5	\$540	\$270	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat, WSG, hot water, parking	6
3	1	119 West Main Street #3	\$525	\$175	\$675	\$225	Close to campus and downtown	3
3	1	1415 1/2 4th Street West	\$600	\$200	\$820	\$273	gas heat, garage, great location	D
3	1	208 13th Avenue West.	\$600	\$200	n/a	n/a	Lrg. Rooms, gas heat, parking	D
3	1	921 Main Street #3	\$600	\$200	\$765	\$255	Good location, parking, economical	4
3	1	414 12th Avenue West	\$630	\$210	\$820	\$273	very large, garage storage	D
3	1	802 6th Avenue #4	\$675	\$225	n/a	n/a	utilities included, parking	A
3	1.5	414 14th Avenue West	\$700	\$233	\$850	\$283	modern, high eff. Gas heat, washer/dryer, office/den	8
3	1	915 Main Street	\$700	\$233	\$850	\$283	good location in duplex, w parking, office/computer room	D
4	1	1508 10th Street	\$620	\$155	\$820	\$205	close to Lammers, nice layout	H
4	1	1115 14th Avenue East	\$620	\$155	\$800	\$200	gas heat/garage/large rooms/ W/D hookup	H
4	1	321 13th Avenue West	\$660	\$165	\$880	\$220	Super location, washer/dryer	H
4	1	921 Main Street #1	\$700	\$175	\$870	\$218	good location, economical	4
4	1	309 14th Avenue West	\$750	\$188	\$950	\$238	WD good location, gas heat	H
4	2	1509 South Broadway	\$800	\$200	n/a	n/a	lrg. House, nice location	H
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue West #2	\$800	\$200	\$950	\$238	modern, high eff. Gas heat, W/D a/c	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue West #4	\$800	\$200	\$950	\$238	modern, high eff. Gas heat, W/D a/c	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue West #5	\$800	\$200	\$950	\$238	modern, high eff. Gas heat, W/D a/c	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue West #6	\$800	\$200	\$950	\$238	modern, high eff. Gas heat, W/D a/c	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue West #7	\$800	\$200	\$950	\$238	modern, high eff. Gas heat, W/D a/c	8
4	1	1216 6th Street	\$820	\$205	\$1,000	\$250	gas heat across from campus	H
4	1	1600 10th Street	\$850	\$213	\$1,050	\$263	great house W/D hook-ups	H
4	2	1515 6th Street	\$900	\$225	\$1,195	\$299	spacious, close to campus, washer/dryer	D
4	1	121 1/2 12th Avenue West	\$900	\$225	\$1,125	\$281	large apartment, super location washer/dryer	D
4	1.5	121 12th Avenue West	\$900	\$225	\$1,125	\$281	super location washer/dryer	D
4	2	1114 7th Street	\$950	\$238	\$1,150	\$288	great location, close to campus, garage	H
4	2	1702 6th Street	\$950	\$238	\$1,150	\$288	lots of space, great location, W/D	H
4	2	1415 8th Street East	\$1,000	\$250	\$1,250	\$313	recently upgraded, great location parking W/D	D
4	2	1317 8th Street	\$1,040	\$260	\$1,250	\$313	washer/dryer deck good location	H
4	3	147 1/2 Main Street #A	\$1,100	\$275	n/a	n/a	INCLUDES UTILITIES, huge, great location, W/D,	A
4	1	1809 6th Street	\$600	\$150	n/a	n/a	washer/dryer, gas heat,	H
5	1.5	221 4th Street West	\$700	\$140	\$960	\$192	washer/dryer gas heat, north campus	H
5	2	405 20th Avenue East	\$850	\$170	\$1,030	\$206	great house washer/dryer garage, modern	H
5	2	1115 17th Avenue East	\$875	\$175	\$1,085	\$217	very lrg. Rooms W/D hook-up, newly remodeled	H
5	2	1521 8th Street	\$900	\$180	\$1,145	\$229	washer/dryer great location	H
5	2	1403 6th Street	\$900	\$180	\$1,180	\$236	good location, lots of parking, huge rooms	H
5	2	607 13th Avenue East	\$950	\$190	\$1,140	\$228	huge rooms, location, parking washer/dryer	H
5	2	2006 5th Street #A	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,200	\$240	washer/dryer very large, parking	3
5	1.5	1107 2nd Street West	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,200	\$240	good layout/close to campus, washer/dryer	H
5	2.5	902 Main Street	\$1,125	\$225	\$1,350	\$270	great location, washer/dryer, large rooms, fenced yard	H
5	2	1803 7th Street	\$1,150	\$230	\$1,430	\$286	washer/dryer parking, good location, large	D
5	2	1208 9th Street	\$1,175	\$235	\$1,400	\$280	Remodeled! 2 car garage, great house close to campus	H
5	2	121 13th Avenue West	\$1,300	\$260	\$1,560	\$312	large, super location. Washer/dryer	D
6	2	1402 8th Street	\$700	\$117	\$900	\$150	washer/dryer gas heat good layout	H
6	2	504 10th Street	\$900	\$150	\$1,180	\$197	W/D hook-ups, gas heat, large rms.	H
6	2	1603 7th Street	\$1,170	\$195	n/a	n/a	washer/dryer new carpet, very nice	H
6	2	1415 1/2 8th Street	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,480	\$247	fabulous newer construction washer/dryer	D
6	2	321 20th Avenue #C	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,445	\$241	new large bedrooms, washer/dryer	4
6	2	602 1/2 12th Avenue	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,460	\$243	great location, washer/dryer, very nice, parking	D
6	2	1714 8th Street	\$1,230	\$205	\$1,500	\$250	large deck, gas heat, washer/dryer	H
6	2	115 1/2 17th Avenue West	\$1,260	\$210	\$1,510	\$252	newer unit, great location washer/dryer	D
6	2	115 17th Avenue West	\$1,260	\$210	\$1,510	\$252	house, location, washer/dryer Parking	D
6	2	408 18th Avenue East	\$1,560	\$260	\$1,800	\$300	washer/dryer, close to campus, great home,	H
6	2	921 8th Street	\$1,680	\$280	\$1,960	\$327	washer/dryer, close to campus, great home!	H
6	2	221 12th Avenue	\$900	\$150	n/a	n/a	Big house, close to campus, off street parking	H
7	2	220 12th Avenue West	\$1,190	\$170	\$1,415	\$202	Great location, washer/dryer/fenced yard	H
7	2	1321 2nd Street West	\$1,365	\$195	\$1,525	\$218	large house, 1 blk. from campus washer/dryer	H
7	3	1102 10th Street	\$1,600	\$229	\$1,870	\$267	large house, 2 car garage, parking, nice sized rooms	H

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Thursday, November 30, 2006

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The Stoutonia

Community

Thursday, Nov. 30

• SSA and the Hmong Stout Student Association present speaker Gary Yia Lee, a Hmong anthropologist from Australia. 7 p.m. Ballrooms B and C, MSC

Friday, Dec. 1

• Mind Share. 4 p.m. Room 125, Applied Arts

Monday, Dec. 4

• Mind Share. 12:30 p.m. Room 125, Applied Arts
• Island and the Question of Terrorism presentation by Dr. Jeffery Kaplan. 6 to 8 p.m. Room 290, Micheel's Hall

Tuesday, Dec. 5

• Scooper Tuesday. 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. 2nd Floor next to Service Desk, MSC
• Annual Holiday Reception. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Ballrooms, MSC
• Mississippi Service Trip Benefit Spaghetti Dinner by UW-Stout Involvement and Leadership, and the Alternative Break Organization. \$5 at door. 5 to 8 p.m. Menomonie Leisure Center
• Public Information Meetings about the Campus Storm Water Management Plan. 6 to 8 p.m. Room 201, Millennium Hall

Wednesday, Dec. 6

• Reception to celebrate a U.S. Department of Education grant from the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Educa-

tion. 12:20 to 1:15 p.m. Ballroom C, MSC

Thursday, Dec. 7

• Recruiting for Walt Disney World Resort, Fla. Bring completed application to presentation. 12 p.m. and 5 p.m. Cedar/Maple Rooms, MSC
• Stuff the Backpacks donation. 2 to 4 p.m. Great Hall, MSC
• Blue Devil Productions presents: Open Mic Night. 8 p.m. Rec Center, MSC

Entertainment

Thursday, Nov. 30

• Holiday Clearance Sale at The Niche through Friday, Dec. 8. Monday - Thursday: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 2nd Floor, Home Economics
• Samurai Film Series: New Perspectives on the Past presents movie: "Samurai Fiction." 7 to 9 p.m. Menomonie Public Library
• Blue Devil Productions presents: Open Mic. 7 p.m. Rec Center, MSC
• 80's Style - Thursday Night Out: Free Bowling and Billiards with Door Prizes. 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Rec Center, MSC

Friday, Dec. 1

• Street Level Ministries presents the Movie: "Frogs." 7 p.m. Blind Munchies Coffeehouse, Menomonie

Saturday, Dec. 2

• International Relations Club sponsors trip to Mall of

America and Science Museum of Minnesota. Depart at 9 a.m. from the MSC. Return to Menomonie around 6:30 p.m. Sign up at the Office of International Education by Friday, Dec. 1

• Protect Your Balls Dodgeball Tournament presented by Colleges Against Cancer. 1 p.m. Johnson Field House, MPR

Sunday, Dec. 3

• Stout Concert Band and Jazz Band present annual Winter Holiday Band Concert. \$10 for whole family, \$5 for individual. 2 p.m. Great Hall, MSC
• Discover Scuba Diving with

SDA. 5 to 8 p.m. Pool, Johnson Field House

Tuesday, Dec. 5

• 9-Ball Singles Tournament. \$5 per person. 7 p.m. Rec Center, MSC

Wednesday, Dec. 6

• SPIRITS presents Movie: "Smoke Signals." 7 to 9 p.m. Room 210, Applied Arts

Thursday, Dec. 7

• Blue Devil Productions presents Music Event: The Evening Rig with Die Electric. Free with Stout ID, \$1 Public. 8 p.m. Rec Center, MSC

Athletics

Friday, Dec. 1

• Hockey vs. St. Norbert College. 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 2

• Men's Basketball @ UW-Platteville. 3 p.m.
• Women's Basketball @ UW-Platteville. 5 p.m.
• Hockey vs. Lake Forest College. 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 6

• Men's Basketball vs. UW-Superior. 7 p.m.
• Women's Basketball @ UW-Superior. 7 p.m.

Chancellor Charles Sorensen is pleased to invite all UW-Stout students and staff to the

Annual Holiday Event

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Ballrooms - MSC



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612 2nd St. W.	5 Bdrms, 2 Bath, W/D, Near Downtown
1109 3rd St. W.	5 Bdrms, 2 Bath, Full Bsmt, Walk to Campus
1703-A 6th St. E.	5 Bdrms, 2 Bath, Full Bsmt, Lrg. Lvng. Rm.
2109 11th Ave.	4 Bdrms, 2 Bath, Dbl. Grg, A/C, W/D, New
317 13th Ave.	4 Bdrms, 1 Bath, Walk to Campus, House
407 3rd St. W.	4 Bdrms, 1 Bath, W/D, House, Very Private
416 18th Ave.	4 Bdrms, 2 Bath, Walk to Campus, W/D, House
1209 8th St. E.	4 Bdrms, 1 Bath, Walk to Campus, W/D, Lower
1209 1/2 8th St. E.	3 Bdrms, 1 Bath, Walk to Campus, Upper
321 1/2 3rd St. W.	3 Bdrms, 1 Bath, Screen Porch, Luxury Spaces!
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Jenna Wojan
Entertainment Writer

The first Blue Devil Productions sponsored entertainment for the month of December is opened by Die Electric! with The Evening Rig as the main event. They will be performing at the University of Wisconsin-Stout on Thursday, Dec. 7 at 8 p.m. in the Rec Center in the Memorial Student Center.

There is a little secret behind the members of Minneapolis-based "down and dirty" rock 'n' roll band The Evening Rig. They met in jail. More specifically, The Minnesota River Valley Juvenile Detention Center in New Ulm, Minn. Front man and singer Jason Miller proved himself as a rabble-rouser at an early age. At his trial, Ansel P. Winkelman, the presiding judge in the case, described Miller's scheme as "the most heinously cynical act ever perpetrated by a 14-year-old."

The other members, Becky Hanten, Jake Jarpey and Josh



The Evening Rig, pictured right, is a Minnesota-based rock 'n' roll outfit who will be performing next week on campus. The band members met in juvenile detention but their music is not as dark as their past. Punk band Die Electric! will open the event with a blend of punk, '80s metal and glam rock.

Lynch come from the remains of Minneapolis' most notoriously intense bands including The Cardinal Sin and The Crush.

The Evening Rig features hard, down-beat drumming and nasty and loud guitar, guaranteed to ring some ears.

"The Evening Rig is a little

more poppy and a little less angry than The Crush, but equally passionate. There was an unmistakable Westerberg/Replacements influence. If this show was any indication, The Evening Rig has a lot in store for local music fans," said music critic Bob Longmore, commenting about a



Jason Harsh/Stoutonia

show The Evening Rig played in April 2006 at Minneapolis' infamous Triple Rock Bar.

Punk band Die Electric! brings the talents of Brian Shuey, Dave Gardner and Misha Dashesky together in a blend that mixes D.C. punk, '80s metal and a hint of glam. The band pulls

bass-lines that sound like a D-Plan record on fast forward with hard, yet fluid guitar riffs.

"I wish Die Electric! had been around in 1986," said Rod Smith of *City Pages*, the Twin Cities' alternative newspaper. "They'd have been perfect for the best party I ever puked at."

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Zelda meets the Wii

Nintendo continues the legend



Chris Moellering
Entertainment Writer

With the release of the Wii on Nov. 19, the Nintendo franchise seems to have grown up and entered a new age, bringing with it a game that has been at the heart of Nintendo for nearly 20 years. That game is *Zelda*.

The new installment of the *Zelda* series is called "Twilight Princess," and it brings back the more mature and realistic design that was used in the Nintendo 64 version, "Ocarina of Time."

"Twilight Princess" takes the feeling and fun of old *Zelda* games and combines them with exciting and impressive new features. The lengthy adventure is full of well-designed puzzles and interesting characters, but the story follows the same formula. There is a princess named *Zelda*, a land called *Hyrule* and a world on the verge of destruction. The player must guide a character named *Link* through puzzles and kill bosses in order to save the world.

In "Twilight Princess" there is darkness coming that will forever trap the land of *Hyrule* in the eternal dusk of the twilight realm unless the pointy-eared *Link* can save it. The twilight is

an alternate reality. In the twilight, *Link* is transformed into a blue-eyed wolf, which has the ability to dig and sniff out hidden items and trails. In the early portion of the game *Link* has no control over becoming the wolf. But as the story goes on he gains the ability to transform back and forth at will.

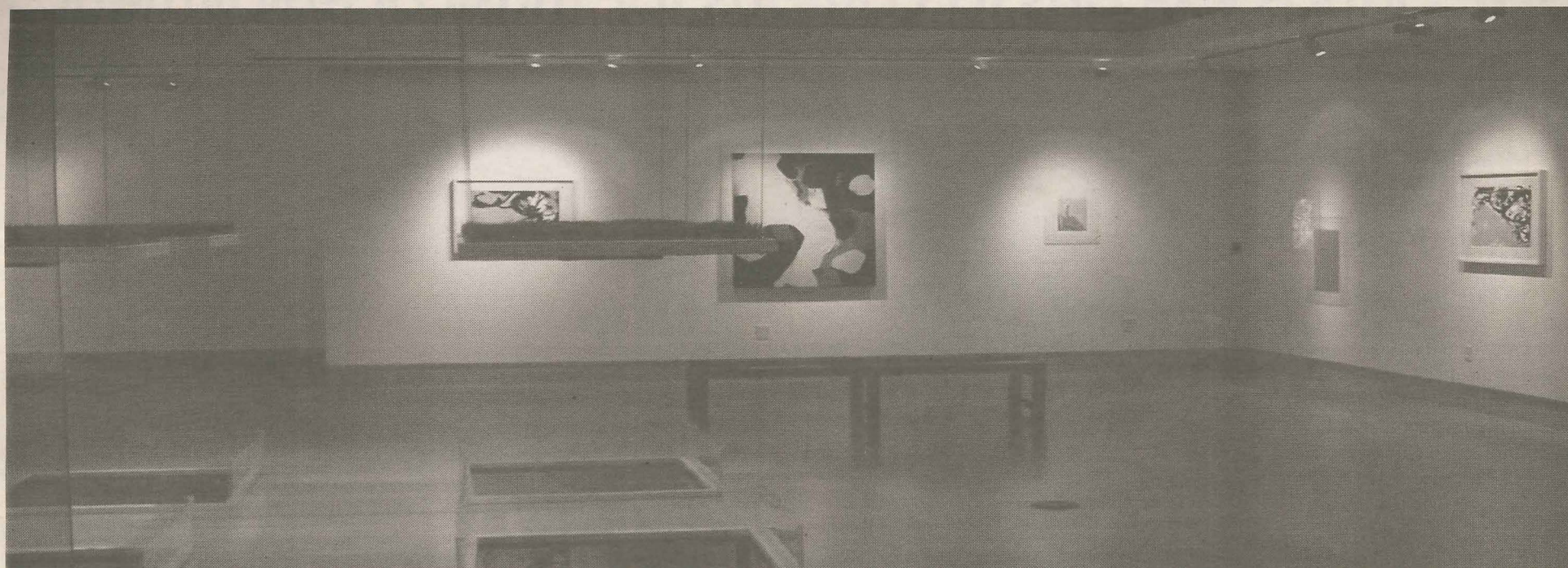
Most of the game takes place above ground, but like all *Zelda* games, *Link* must enter temples and dungeons to collect items, solve puzzles and kill bosses. A lot of these temples are not much different than ones from past *Zelda* games. But new ones like the Sky Temple, where the player must master their grappling hook skills, adds new challenges to the game.

Solving the puzzles and killing the bosses is just like it was 20 years ago in the first *Zelda*. *Link* must move blocks and shoot arrows to open doors as he works his way through the mazes. He must pay close attention to the surroundings to find the hidden path.

Also new to the game is the addition of the *Wii* remote, which allows the player to use certain moves via swinging the remote or joystick attachment.

The story may be old, but the design is anything but dull. The scenery is well-drafted and has incredible depth. The look and feel of the world sets a perfect mood for this fantasy game, which will take about 40 hours to beat.

Stout artists showcase their talent for other students



Jason Harsh/Stoutonia



Ashley Smolen
Food Columnist

My chicken's got the bleus!

Hunger is a well-known nemesis to students and working folk alike. Some days it seems as though no matter how much one eats, hunger pangs persist. This is about the time that the question is not "how much" to eat, but more so of "what to eat."

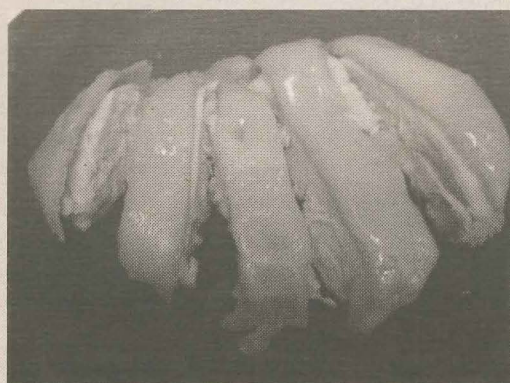
Perhaps one of the most common problems in the diet of students today is lack of protein. "Quick-fill" foods like crackers, white breads, and various other foods, known as simple carbohydrates, do a great job of

delaying hunger, but they don't solve it.

Enter filling foods. Protein is amongst the best at providing feelings of fullness for a longer period of time, thus eliminating the need to reach for the snack food yet again. This week's recipe is a very simplified but very delicious version of Chicken Cordon Bleu.

Raw chicken is an ingredient, so make sure to clean all surfaces, utensils and hands thoroughly after handling. Also, play around with the cheeses and spices to modify flavors. Any Given recipe is 80 percent one's own interpretation, so go wild!

Chicken Cordon Bleu



You will need:

- Microwave safe plate
- Sharp knife
- Fork
- 1 skinless, boneless, chicken breast
- 2 pieces of ham sandwich meat
- 2 slices of Swiss cheese
- Salt and pepper
- Other herb or spice of preference

Directions:

- 1) Cut the chicken breast in half and sprinkle liberally with salt, pepper and other herbs or spices.
- 2) Place on the microwave safe plate.
- 3) Microwave for approximately 6 minutes, or until chicken shows NO traces of pink (be sure to check the center).
- 4) Place ham and cheese on top of each chicken breast half (1 slice per half).
- 5) Microwave until cheese is melted (about 30 seconds).

Currently, the University of Wisconsin-Stout's Bachelor of Fine Art's senior art exhibition is being shown. Four BFA seniors are showcasing their artwork: Matthew Banker, Andrew Christensen, Quinn Justman, and Jesse Edgington.

Exaggerated Self-Promotion is the exhibition's theme, "because we think [the theme] is hilarious," said Christensen, whose showcased artwork models the topic of uncertainty. "This is the culmination of all our education here at Stout," said Christensen, "and personally I think it's an exceptionally strong senior exhibition."

The exhibition can be viewed in Applied Arts room 209 from now through Friday. The show's reception will be Friday, Dec. 1 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Quartet graces Waterfront

Local group launches 2007 tour

Katie Kenner
Entertainment Writer

Downer's Grove, an Eau Claire-based quartet, will be at Menomonie's Waterfront Bar and Grill on Thursday, Dec. 7 at 10 p.m. There will be no cover charge.

The band was established two years ago; however, they had to go through two different rhythm guitarists before they could unleash their music as a functional quartet.

JamBase.com has described Downer's Grove as having a "scorching guitar and funky bass with mad rhythm." The band's songs boast lyrics with topics that range from introspective, romantic and poetic to completely nonsensical. They perform both funk and melodic instrumentals.

Jon Nietz is on guitar and

vocals and is the primary song writer. Matt Symour is on bass, and Mark Kronberger is on drums and lead vocals. Matt Houdek is on percussion and vocals. Each musician has mastered their own style, but they manage to blend together to form a completely original sound.

Downer's Grove is currently scheduling shows for the 2007 season. So far their tour will take them to Fargo, N.D., Des Moines, Iowa, Omaha, Neb., Minneapolis, Minn., Madison, Wis. and Springfield, Ill.

This unique quartet will be at The House of Blues in Eau Claire Friday, Dec. 8 and will return to Menomonie at The Waterfront Bar and Grill on Feb. 1, Mar. 1 and April 20.

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You know the name all right, but it's a new face



Jerome Butcher & Kyle Kingston
Film Critics

James Bond literally goes back to where it all started as the long-running spy movie series gets a complete reboot with a faithful adaptation/update of the one Ian Fleming novel yet to be filmed, "Casino Royale."

Okay, technically there have been two James Bond films under that name. One is the 1967 Woody Allen spoof that had little to do with the official Bond franchise—or, for that matter, with being funny. The other was a 1954 made-for-TV movie starring Barry Nelson. That's right: before Connery ever uttered the immortal lines, "Bond, James Bond," an American TV actor was introducing himself as Jimmy Bond.



www.rottentomatoes.com

Daniel Craig debuts as James Bond in the latest reinvention of the series. Four years since "Die Another Day," finally a Bond film that doesn't suck.

This film, however, brings us a grittier, more intense Bond than we've seen in a while. The sixth actor to take the role, newcomer Daniel Craig does more for the character in one movie than most of the other Bond actors were able to accomplish during their entire run.

Far from the infallible superhero of yesteryear, Daniel Craig's Bond is a trained killer

who only gradually becomes aware that he's losing what little remains of his soul. This guy is all business and God help anyone that gets in his way.

"Doesn't it bother you, killing those people?" inquires Eva Greene at one point. Greene, by the way, is probably the closest a Bond girl has ever come to being a multi-dimensional character.

"I wouldn't be very good

at my job if it did," Bond replies simply. And you know he means it.

The plot of "Casino Royale," tends to meander—it is to date the longest-running entry in the franchise. The story opens with Bond chasing a suspect and subsequently using stronger-than-necessary force, shooting up an embassy in the process. This results in an international outrage towards MI6 and Bond is encouraged to take a vacation in shame.

You can't keep a good secret agent down, though. Bond takes his time off to investigate a chain of connections from his previous first assignment, unravelling links to a larger conspiracy of 9/11 proportions. And when Bond foils this, we're still only at the halfway mark of the movie.

Without the crutch of too-good-to-be true gadgets, James Bond becomes more of a detective in hunting down terrorists in a post-9/11 world. Daniel Craig brings the suave, smooth and brute killer facets together in one calm package.

The megalomaniacal villain characteristic of previous films has been jettisoned in favor of a more down-to-earth sinister bad guy, Le Chiffre, played by Mads Mikkelsen.

No Bond movie would be complete without the endless list of locations and scenery. "Casino Royale" does not disappoint with its exotic locales.

The PG-13 rating is a joke, especially with a torture scene that seems like it's straight from Tarantino (when it is, in fact, straight from the 1953 novel).

In addition, Bond actually receives injuries, feeling every ounce of his hand-to-hand combats and allowing himself to actually fall in love with Greene's character, and fall hard.

"Casino Royale" makes the perfect case to continue the Bond franchise past 21 films. While many might complain that most of the technology used in the film could be found at the local electronics store, we firmly believe that this decision is a giant step up over invisible cars and laser satellites.

Hilarity can be found at every corner of the Web



Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

The Internet is a constant source of many different types of entertainment for those who are looking for it. Web comics are making their place in cyberspace and have offered millions of bored surfers hours of distraction, and a comic exists for every sense of humor.

For the video game junky, there are popular Web comics such as "Penny Arcade," written by Jerry Holkins and illustrated by Mike Krahulik. The strip regularly features the cartoon alter egos, Tycho Brahe and Jonathan Gabriel, who represent Holkins and Krahulik respectively. The two characters make funny comments on popular and unpopular video games, and the authors also incorporate conflicts between the two in real life. Holkins and Krahulik utilize the fame of "Penny Arcade" to host a children's charity, known

as Child's Play, and a yearly gaming convention known as the Penny Arcade Expo.

"Penny Arcade" is updated three times a week and can be found at www.penny-arcade.com.

Also deserving mention for the video game Web comic genre is "VG Cats," which is short for Video Game Cats. Yes, the comic features two video game-playing anthropomorphic kitties, who often play roles of popular video games that are parodied in the strip. "VG Cats," written and drawn by

Comics," written in collaboration by Scot Bevan and Kent Earle, was started by a group of seventh graders. The comic was launched online in 2002 and can be found at www.whiteninja-comics.com. The comic itself is at times surreal, and the humor is derived from the absurdity of each situation that the main character, White Ninja, finds himself in. While the creators were in college, "White Ninja Comics" was also featured in the University of Saskatchewan's student newspaper, The Sheaf.

"Dinosaur Comics," also known as "Qwantz" because of the comic's domain name, is written by Ryan North and features a disgruntled Tyrannosaurus Rex.

T-Rex and his buddies, a Utah Raptor and a Dromiceiomimus, focus on unusual topics such as ethical relativism, the secret of being loved, and stomping. The unique part of this

comic is how it is drawn—each strip's art is an exact replica of the first, and so the comic uses its humor to keep things interesting. The comic is updated every weekday and can be found at www.qwantz.com.

For the more romantically-inclined comic readers, there

are a myriad of possibilities.

"Questionable Content" is a mix of indie-music, fiery coffee shop baristas, and romantic melodrama. Written and drawn by Jeff Jaques, this comic's art style has evolved over the years along with a complicated storyline. The plot centers on Martin Reed and his entourage of wily womenfolk friends and marauding AnthroPC robots. Throughout the comic, the characters discuss obscure bands and make fun of more famous musical artists in a humorous tone. "Questionable Content" can be found online at www.questionablecontent.net.

On the hobby cartoonist side, the University of Wisconsin-Stout boasts students who spend some of their free time amusing the masses. Mari Rose, a senior in multimedia design, hosts an online fantasy comic called "The Wings of Change." The cast stars a sulky dragon, a winged elf, and mischievous pixy children. This labor of love, which Rose began with her college career, is updated once a week and can be found at <http://wingsofchange.comicgen.com>.



Mitchell Lewis/Stoutonia

Web comics can serve as a source of endless entertainment for many. There is a multitude of different comics to cater to any humorous whim.

Scott Ramsomair, is published once a week and can be found at www.vgcats.com.

For those who are interested in different types of humor, have no fear. There are plenty of slap-stick humor Web comics available for the quick laugh.

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Underground band prospers despite tragedy

Chris Moellering

Entertainment Writer

Bad Astronaut is a band that is not well-known and does not get much media attention, but the story of their new album is one that needs to be told because it is a story that is sad but uplifting.

Bad Astronaut is a seven-member band that has flown under the radar of the popular music scene since 2000.

Their musical style is dark and studio-heavy, with a strong influence from serious songwriters such as David Bowie and bands such as the Flaming Lips. Their songs are serious and mature, which is a departure from the humorous pop songs Cape writes for Lagwagon.

Bad Astronaut is the side project of Joey Cape, lead singer and song writer of pop-punk band Lagwagon and guitarist of Me First and the Gimme Gimmes.

Making the album "Twelve Small Steps, One Giant Disappointment" was a process that took nearly four years and was halted by the sudden suicide of drummer, and Cape's long-time friend, Derrick Plourde. Plourde battled drug addiction for years, and in March of 2005 he lost the battle.



Bad Astronaut, the side project of Lagwagon's lead singer and Me First and the Gimme Gimmes' guitarist, has shied away from the spotlight but has put out mature, deep music despite the death of a band member.

Before the death of Plourde, Cape was considering abandoning the record. He felt it wasn't as good as their prior albums, such as 2001's "Acrophobe" and 2003's "Houston: We Have a Drinking Problem."

On top of it all, Plourde's

drug use was getting in the way. Often he was in no condition to record and was frequently nowhere to be found. Cape regularly didn't know if Plourde was alive or dead. Then one day everyone's worst fears came true, and Cape was devastated.

After he recovered from the shock of Plourde's death, Cape knew he had to finish the record. Not only would finishing the record honor Plourde's life, but it would also be Cape's road to recovery.

Only a few weeks fol-

lowing Plourde's death, Cape wrote an entire reactionary album, "Resolve," recording it quickly with his band Lagwagon, which Plourde also drummed for.

After completing the Lagwagon album, Cape spent the next month plugged into a computer listening and playing along to Plourde's drum tracks that were recorded but not yet finished.

"At times it felt like self-inflicted torture. Other times, it was a spiritual experience," said Cape. It helped Cape deal with the death of his close friend.

Cape finished the album that turned out to be a very personal and emotional recording. It has a split personality, because it was recorded before and after Plourde's death.

Its songs sum up everything that Cape was feeling during that period of his life. The title "Twelve Small Steps, One Giant Disappointment" was conceived by the late Plourde during Bad Astronaut's last rehearsal.

"It seems now all too appropriate and disturbingly sincere," said Cape.

On Nov. 14, the indie-rock band released their third and final album, "Twelve Small Steps, One Giant Disappointment."

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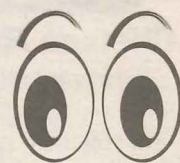
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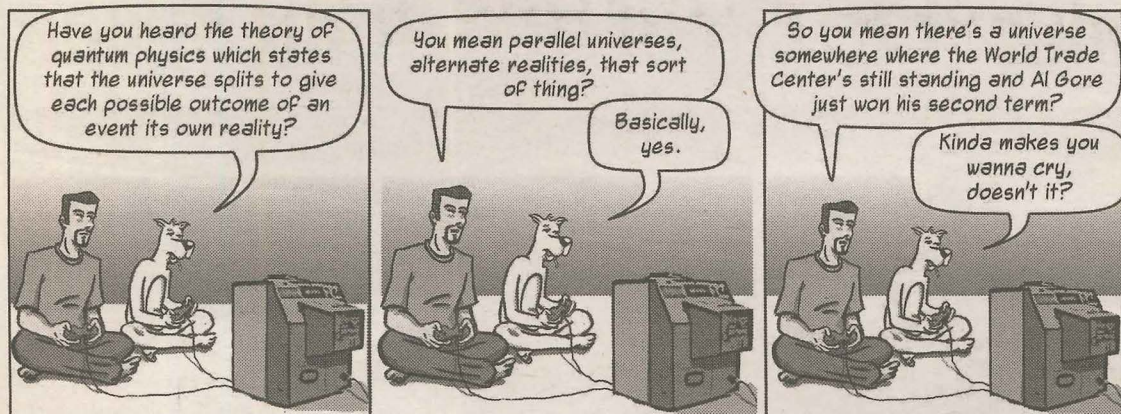
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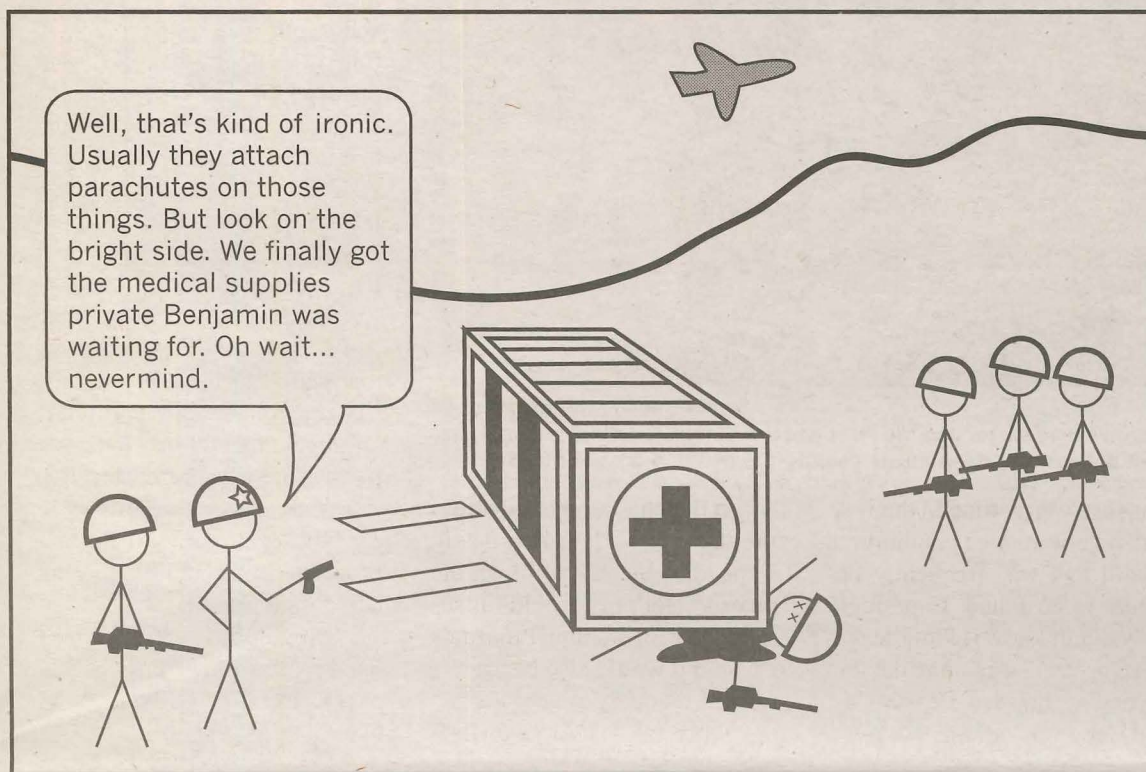
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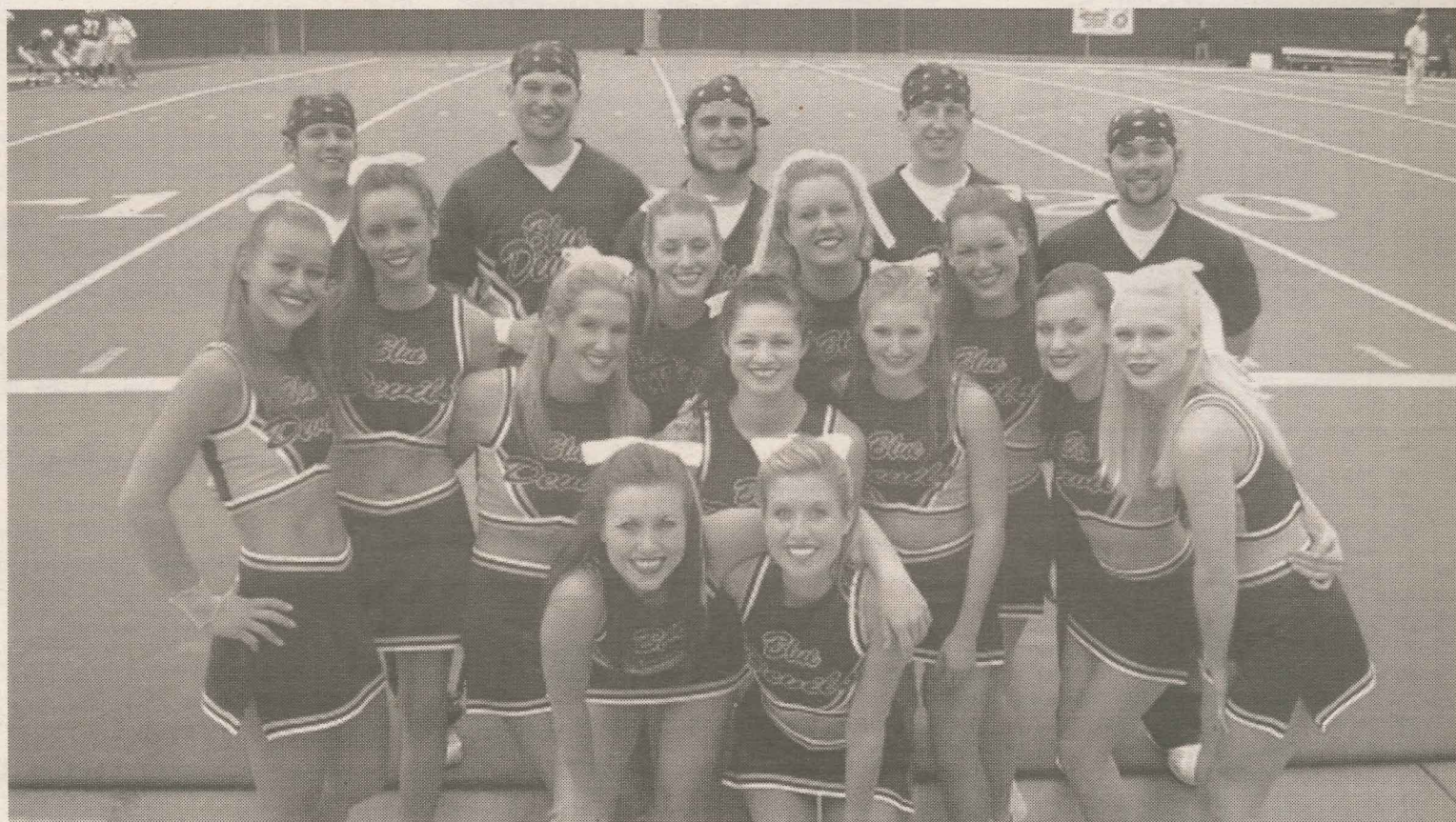
By Joshua E. Fox
Sports Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout Cheer and Stunt Squad is made up of 19 members and performs at all home football and basketball games, which is about 25 games per year. Last year they also attended games with the UW-Stout women's basketball team as they played in the NCAA Division III Women's Basketball Tournament. There are only three seniors on the team this year, with 11 new members.

The UW-Stout Cheer and Stunt Squad perform between 15 and 20 stunts. These stunts include pyramids, coed stunts and stunts that are three-people high.

A stunt three-people high is the tallest stunt a cheer team at the collegiate level can perform.

In order to perform these stunts, someone on the team has to have been officially approved for safety by the American Association of Certified Coders and Auditors. The co-captains, Christa Wells and Tracy Constalie, are both AACCA certified. Their coach, Becky Beaulieu, is also the UW-Stout gymnastics head coach. Wells said that a lot of times cheerleading is underestimated. Stunts are the epitome



Contributed Photograph

The Cheer and stunt squad has improved their routines by adding more difficulty and skill to their stunts. The group is putting a lot of effort into teamwork and continuously trying to improve their squad. They will be performing at every home men's and women's basketball games.

me of teamwork; the team really works hard together.

"We put a lot of time, effort and work into this," said Aaron Mader, a senior in manufacturing engineering. He said that the team practices between six and

eight hours per week.

"The team has really improved over the last three years that I have been on the team," said Mader. "The skill and difficulty level has also increased."

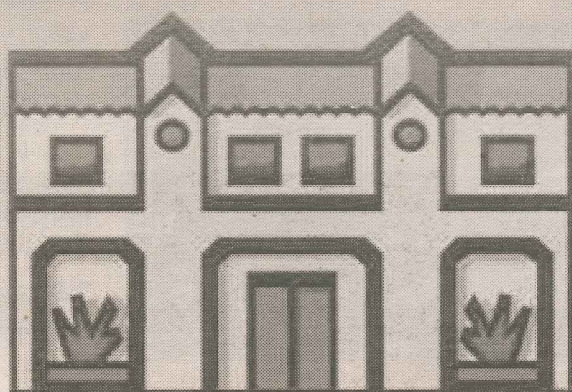
"The team is really close,"

said Wells. "It's really fun going out and cheering with all of my friends."

Co-captains Wells and Constalie both agree that teamwork plays a huge part in the stunts their team performs.

"The whole team works well together," said Constalie. "I really love the teamwork aspect of the stunts we perform."

The squad will perform at all of the UW-Stout men's and women's home basketball games.



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Next game:
Sat., Dec. 2 at UW-Platteville



HOCKEY (7-1-1)

FINAL 4-3

The Hockey team took their first season loss over Thanksgiving break to Neumann College in the Milwaukee School of Engineering tournament. The team hosts the top-ranked team in Division III for their next game.

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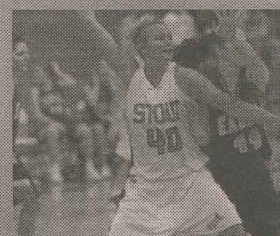
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The women's basketball team is undefeated in their season. They beat Northland College over Thanksgiving break.

Next Game:
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Coed volleyball is a good time for students

By Megan McCarthy
Sports Writer

Intramural sports are a great way to have fun, stay in shape and cut loose. Winning also boosts the ego once in a while.

The University of Wisconsin-Stout offers many intramural sports, but the one that seems to be everyone's favorite is intramural volleyball. There are three different leagues: men's, women's, and coed.

Each team contains athletic, competitive players. Coed volleyball spices everything up with a little of everything.

The coed league actually consists of two different leagues: a competitive league and a "for fun" league.

There are some great players out there and they all come together to play on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

"You get a whole new sense for the game when you play with guys," said Hayley Kleven, a volleyball player on Team Tainter. "I've played against competitive girls before but the guys really bring something new to the team."

There are also different rules than regular volleyball that each team must obey.

For instance, the returning team must have a man and woman touch the ball before returning it or the volley is over and the serving team gets a point.

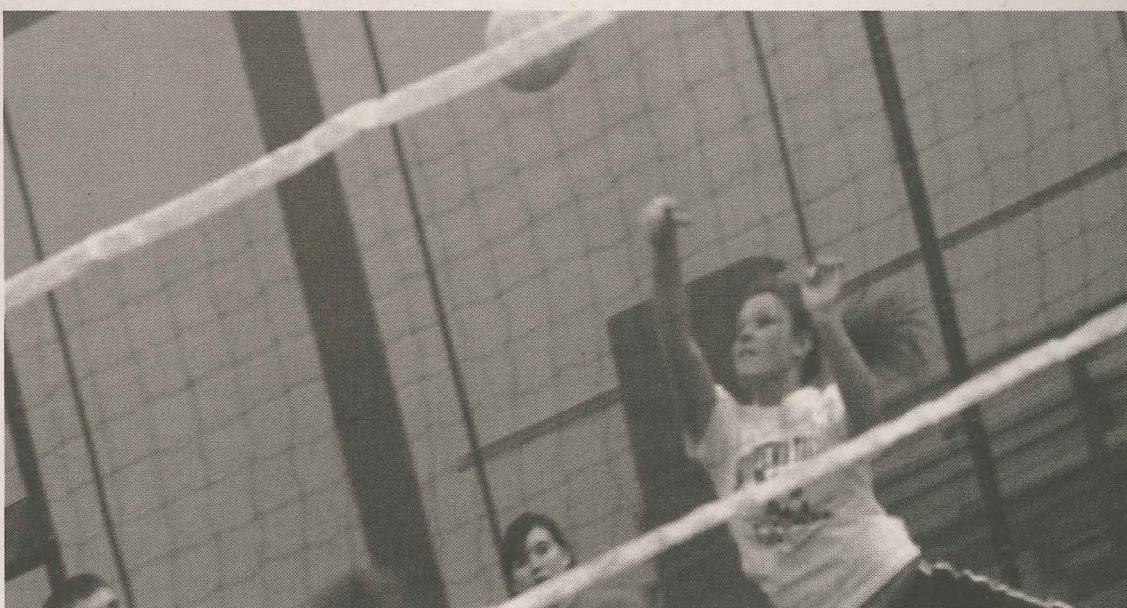
"Volleyball is one of my favorite intramural sports to play," said Kristel Overson, a member of Team Tainter. "We can be competitive but still have a good time just hanging out with our friends. It also gives us a different scenery to hang out in."

Coed volleyball is one of the most played intramural sports at UW-Stout. Each team plays eight or 10 games until tournament time.

Even if a team didn't win one game the whole season, they could still be tournament champs.

In the tournaments, if a team wins, they keep playing. If they lose, they go home. Each one of these athletes has a chance to show their skills one last time.

The winning team takes a champion T-shirt home with them. All intramural athletes fight hard to win that T-shirt. Coed volleyball is competitive, fun and a great way to meet people.



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The coed intramural volleyball league consists of different rules and is a different kind of fun for players.

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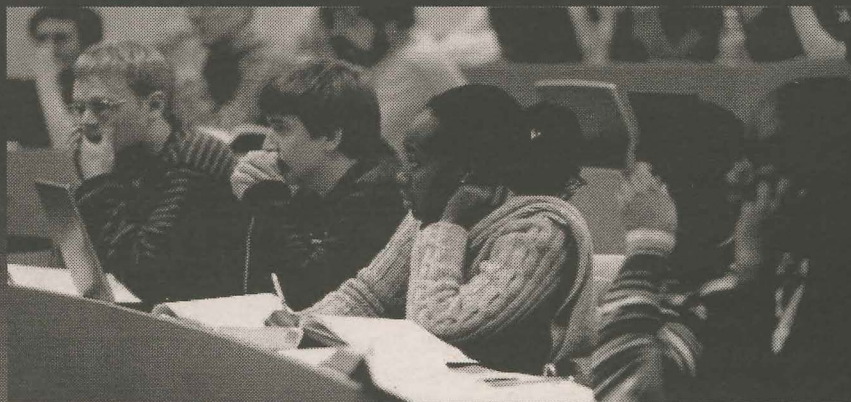
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Josh Parshley
Sports Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout paintball club is shooting it up indoors for the winter. The club practices in the West Gym during these cold months. However, when spring hits, they will head outside once again.

"I was not into the party scene and wanted something to do," said junior Seamus Dwyer, a general business administration major and paintball club president. He said how he had played paintball only once before he joined the club but thought it could keep him active.

Anyone can join, with a fee of \$35 per year. With the membership, the club will provide you the safety gear, a gun, all the air you need, 500 paintballs at tournaments and any tournament fees.

The club tends to have a lot of fun on practice nights. During this time, members will compete indoors.

Since they are indoors, players use laser balls, which are similar to Nerf foam balls. They are the same size as a normal paintball, but don't leave the paint marks.

The UW Stout paintball club plays a variety of games and they

mix things up by changing the setup of the gym. Games include capture the flag, team deathmatch and even a Civil War game.

During the Civil War game, the players remove their hoppers from their paintball guns and must load the ammo in one ball at a time.

The two teams will form straight lines and fire all at once, just like some of the battles in the actual Civil War.

"The first half of practice will be hardcore, but then it is just fun and goofing off after that," said Dwyer. He also said that the club has a very friendly atmosphere.

Players can have some fun while improving their skills and can act as a stress reliever for other players. However, Dwyer explained, when it is game day, they are serious.

When spring does arrive, the club will be out on the battlefields once again. The club will play at different fields. They will also break out the regular paintballs again.

Also during this time, their coach Greg Scott, a former pro-paintball player, helps them out. He lets the team use the field owned by his company, PGT paintball Games Inc. He also gives club members lessons at a low cost.

The club competes in about five tournaments per year, not including the tournaments they hold themselves. They play in the Polar Bear Circuit Series, which includes teams from

Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Tournaments are competitive, with the option of three or five people per team.

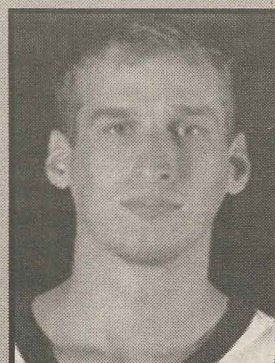
Anyone in the club is allowed to play in the tournaments; it just depends on how many teams can be entered and how much money the club receives from the SSA.

The paintball club meets on Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. in the Price Commons. Their practices are also held on Wednesday nights at 8 p.m. in the West Gym.

ATHLETE of the week

THE FACTS: Men's basketball: A senior from Kalispell, Mont. Jacob Nonemacher in the UW-Stout athlete of the week.

Nonemacher led the team with 18 shots, 10 rebounds and four blocked shots. The team shot a 63.4 percent in the first half and went on to win the game 78-51.



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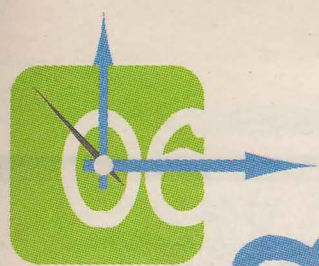
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Fighting and suffering with a smile

By Tracy Considine
News Editor

On Tuesday night at 6:30 in the Hall Council room in the basement of North Hall, Cassy Bourget told the heroic story of her life battling diabetes, a disability and cancer. Her talk was titled "Cassy's Story." University of Wisconsin-Stout students, family and friends crowded in the tiny room to hear her unbelievable story of trial and triumph.

While Bourget waited for the room to fill up, she talked and shook hands with everyone who entered and flashed them a huge, welcoming smile. Soon friends filled the room and urged her to sing, which she shared was one of her favorite things to do.

A guest book was passed around to the 20 to 30 listeners, and there was only standing room in the back for some. Her supportive mother, Darlene and family friend Gloria Folczyk sat near the front and helped Bourget tell her story. Her mother and Folczyk filled the crowd in on their perspective and said things about Bourget that she was too modest to say about herself.

Bourget eventually started her talk by letting out her uniquely compulsive nature by sing-saying "let's get this party started," while she bounced to



Tracy Considine/Stoutonia

Before and after her talk, Cassy Bourget (middle) welcomed family and friends while making jokes and sharing stories. Pictured here is Bourget surrounded by two friends who are just a few of the people who came to support her as she gave the emotional speech of her life's trials and triumphs. Through it all, Bourget kept a smile on her face.

a non-existent beat. Throughout the speech she cracked up the crowd by telling witty jokes and singing random song lines.

"My name is spelled with a 'y' because you see an ass and then you ask yourself why," said Bourget just moments later.

Phase one: diabetes

She then took a more serious tone as she described a case

of the chicken pox she had when she was five that destroyed her pancreas and resulted in a very severe case of diabetes. Her mother explained that the diabetes and continual testing was hard for Bourget to understand and resulted in many diabetic episodes that tested her faith and patience.

Dealing with diabetes during her childhood was difficult

for Bourget, but it was not the biggest struggle she would face.

Phase two: disability

Bourget explained that the most traumatic event in her life occurred when she was 11 years old.

She had the brilliant idea to jump off the back of her father's pick-up truck. She joked that jumping was definitely not

the safest thing she could have done.

"I was trying to be a gymnast, woohoo," said Bourget with a gigantic smile.

The jump caused her to hit her head and she was knocked unconscious. She said that she fluttered in and out of consciousness and was not entirely sure

Cassy continues on page 3

Area man found dead in Broadway apartment, cause unknown



Jason Marsh/Stoutonia

This is the house that officers were called to in response to a call stating there was an unresponsive male, resident Ryan A Cuturia. Cuturia was found in his basement room dead with no clues as to the cause of his death.

By Kyle Kingston
Editor-in-Chief

Speculation has been widespread on campus following the discovery of a deceased Menomonie male in his apartment Monday. It doesn't help any that very little information has thus far been released as to the circumstances surrounding the death, though at this stage it appears there is really very little to release.

The following statement was issued by the Menomonie Police Department:

Menomonie police officers were called to 1421

South Broadway St. at 2:27 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 4 for a report of a non-responsive male. Arriving officers located 26-year-old Ryan A. Cuturia, deceased, in his basement room. Because the cause of death was not apparent, Dunn County Medical Examiner Kris Kruse ordered a forensic autopsy.

The autopsy was scheduled to be performed the morning of Tuesday, Dec. 5, by the Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office in St. Paul, Minn.

Reports of an individual being taken into custody at the

residence are true but are not connected to the investigation. Shane M. Wilder, a roommate of the deceased, was arrested on three outstanding warrants from Freeborn County, Minn.

Initial autopsy results have been reported by the Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office, and at this time the findings are inconclusive. The medical examiner advised there was no apparent trauma to the body. Exact cause of death will have to await the results of toxicology tests, which could take up to six weeks.

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Honored UW-Stout staff members retire

Four University of Wisconsin-Stout staff members have announced their retirement. They are Marlene Backhaus, Joseph Benkowski, Ruth Ann Schoenoff and Phyllis Williams.

Backhaus, a 1969 graduate of UW-Stout, began as a data processing operator and management information specialist.

She designed the current campus ID system and worked with the Financial Aid Office and Registration and Records. She assisted with implementation of the Datatel System and data warehouse.

Backhaus retired in October from UW-Stout's information and operating systems as an IS system development services specialist.

Benkowski will retire Jan. 1 from UW-Stout's operations, construction and management department. After working 19 years in a Fortune 500 company, Benkowski began his career at UW-Stout in January 1997 in the training and development master's program.

He also served as associate dean of the Outreach Center; director of the Northwest Wisconsin Manufacturing Center and director of the Stout Technology Transfer Institute.

Benkowski is co-author of "Building Effective Technical Training" and taught in the Wisconsin in Scotland program during the fall 2005 semester.

He was a member of the Chi Lambda Fraternity while attending UW-Stout from 1966-69 and served as adviser for the fraternity for seven years.

He currently represents



Contributed Photos
Phyllis Williams (top left), Joseph Benkowski (top right), Ruth Ann Schoenoff (bottom left) and Marlene Backhaus (bottom right).

UW-Stout on the Menomoneie Chamber of Commerce and serves on the Menomoneie Area United Way board.

Schoenoff retired Nov. 10. She worked in UW-Stout's Dining Services for 25 years. She also attended workshops at Chippewa Valley Technical College and Professional Development Days.

She received certification in the Servsafe food protection course. She redesigned the salad bars to accommodate campus students and summer camp participants.

She trained and worked with a diverse group of students and introduced new recipes for an ever-changing student body.

Williams retired Sept. 15 after 18 years as a custodian in

facilities management. Highlights of her career include making life-long friendships with supervisors, co-workers and students -- people she considers her "second family."

Weight loss: Stout's biggest loser

By Jenny Stabenow
News Writer

University of Wisconsin-Stout students will be weighing in on Dec. 13 to compete in UW-Stout's Biggest Loser competition over winter break. The fund-raising event is for the Delta Epsilon Chi state civic consciousness project.

Each contestant must be enrolled as a UW-Stout

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Wallet grows legs and walks away

An employee with an office in the Home Economics building had gone out to lunch, taking her wallet. She returned and placed the wallet on her desk before retrieving some copies from the copy room. When she returned to her office the wallet was gone.

There are no suspects, but the employee was advised to cancel all credit cards and replace anything that was in her wallet.

Noise or RA problem?

On Dec. 2, officers were notified of a noise complaint from a few residents in JTC Hall. They had called in the noise complaint because they couldn't

find the RA on duty. The officer came and asked a few residents in Callahan Hall to turn down their music.

After they complied, the search began for the RA on duty. She had not picked up her on-duty phone for the night and was not in her room. The officer notified the hall director that the RA on duty was unable to be contacted.

False call for help

Police responded to a 911 call from JTC Hall on Nov. 29. It was a hang-up call that occurred from Room 10 in the basement. Nothing appeared to be wrong, and no suspects were found.

Naughty kitten!

A cat bite occurred between Harvey Hall and the communication center on Nov. 30. The victim and her friends were trying to catch the kitten. As she attempted to pick it up, it bit her. She was taken to the Red Cedar Medical Center. She is now taking antibiotics and rabies shots.

student for both the fall and spring semesters. The contestants will seek pledges for weight loss, usually a dollar amount per pound lost or a flat pledge. All proceeds will go to the Knights of Kindness to help stop domestic abuse.

However, any unethical methods of losing weight, such as an eating disorder, will disqualify the contestant. If the contestant gains weight, the money pledged will not be given to the organization.

Contestants can become winners in two different ways. They can be the top money receiver or lose the largest amount of weight. Prizes donated by the community will

be given out to contestants.

The final weigh-in after winter break will be no later than Jan. 31 to see the final results. Delta Epsilon Chi held this competition last year as well. They raised about \$300 for the Wisconsin Kidney Foundation and Hurricane Katrina relief. The first-place winner in Wisconsin last year raised \$55,000.

UW-Stout hopes to aim higher this year. You can become involved by attending a meeting Wednesday, Dec. 13 in the Northwoods room at 6 p.m. There will be a presentation on the contest and information about the Knights of Kindness.

Chancellor returns

Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen returned to campus today on a part-time basis, a little more than six weeks after undergoing triple bypass surgery.

"It feels great to be back at work," Sorensen said. "I am grateful for everyone who worked so hard in my absence to make sure that our students continued to receive a top-notch education."

Sorensen had surgery Oct. 19 at Luther Hospital after doctors discovered major blockages in three arteries. His doctors have cleared him to work part time. There is no

current timetable for his full-time return to work.

"I am extremely fortunate that my physician identified the problem and sent me to an excellent medical facility where I received outstanding care," said Sorensen. "I consider myself a very lucky person."

"My recovery has gone well. I thank the UW-Stout community for their support and concern, and I am extremely pleased to be back."

Chancellor Sorensen is currently the longest-serving chancellor in the UW system.

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Cassy/ from trouble to triumph and back again

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how long she had laid on the ground.

"My mom says I hit my head on the bumper and the road, but what does she know?" said Bourget with a smirk.

Bourget's parents rushed her to Victory Medical Center in Stanley, Wis. when they found her. They assumed she only had a bad concussion. Bourget had stopped breathing, so her father gave her mouth-to-mouth while her mother exceeded the speed limit the whole way to the hospital.

Phase three: coma

Bourget's condition was much worse than a concussion. Hitting her head had damaged the part of her brain that controls motor skills. Bourget laid in a coma for eight weeks.

The accident strengthened Bourget's faith in God. While she was in the coma she explained that she kept waking up in different places, which she could describe best as different worlds. She expressed that the events were very unpleasant.

Waking up from the coma was only one minor hurdle for Bourget, and the road to come would be extremely difficult for not only her, but also her family and friends.

"After the eight weeks in a coma it was pretty much a living hell for my parents," said Bourget.

Phase four: therapy

Bourget's mother interjected to say that when Bourget woke up she could not speak and she could not control any motor skills, so she was unable to walk and was confined to a wheel chair. Because of the damage to her motor skills, Bourget had to receive extensive physical therapy.

"I went to therapy three times per day and I really didn't like it," said Bourget.

Everything on Bourget's left side is slower than her right, and her left side was paralyzed completely when she woke from her coma. She was also unable to eat or even feed herself when she woke. Doctors wanted to put in a feeding tube, but her mother refused, holding on to her belief that Bourget could maintain a higher quality of life if she was able to learn how to feed herself.

"I really believed that Cassy could learn to swallow again," said Bourget's mother.

Doctors X-rayed Bourget's throat and performed a series of tests to see if Bourget was able to control her throat muscles enough to be able to learn to eat



Tracy Considine/Stoutonia

Pictured are family friend Gloria Folczyk (left), Cassy Bourget (center) and Cassy's supportive mother, Darlene Bourget.

again. Bourget did not pass the first tests, but her mother did not lose hope.

Doctors told Bourget and her mother that she was not allowed to drink anything carbon-

get whispered "happy birthday" to her mom. Those words were the first she had spoken since the accident on July 5.

Her mother was ecstatic and ran down the hall to inform the doctors that Bourget had spoken. During he talk Bourget mimicked the serious nature the doctors and nurses had used with her to ask her what she

had said. Bourget did, however, add a touch of mocking humor to her tone as if to show she found their surprise misplaced within her determination.

Going home

A few weeks later Bourget asked a doctor if she could be home for Halloween. Her mother expressed she was terrified at the thought of Bourget being released. At that time Bourget had very little control of her motor functions, and she shook so violently she had to have a brace around her head. Bourget's mother was not yet confident in her ability to care for Bourget. Still, Bourget was released on Oct. 27 in time for Halloween.

"We loaded up my wheel chair in the minivan because I got out of the hospital so I could go trick-or-treating," said Bourget.

After Christmas she was able to go on to the sixth grade with the rest of her class.

"I went through school with a positive attitude trying to make things work even if it seemed like there was no hope," said Bourget.

She graduated with a 3.65 GPA and could have even graduated early if she had chosen to.

She was also able to get her driver's license on time. However, she expressed that things were difficult at times.

"It wasn't very easy to deal with the diabetes and the disability at the same time," said Bourget.

Phase five: transplant

Last year, on Feb. 16, a surgeon brought one of Bourget's dreams to life. He told her that he had a pancreas transplant for her. This was the third call she had gotten; the other two had been false alarms. Bourget's surgery took nearly seven hours. The new pancreas began making insulin immediately and Bourget was diabetes free.

Four days later, Bourget's stomach was so large that her parents joked she looked pregnant. However, Bourget's blood had stopped clotting and the opening to the pancreas wasn't healing shut the way it should. They reopened the wound and

"Her positive attitude helps her get through everything," said Cassy's mother. "And so do good-looking doctors."

flushed the new organ.

Bourget still was not feeling better a few days later. On March 12 she passed out in church. The doctors could not figure out why she had passed out and were hesitant to open the wound again for fear of infection. On March 14 Bourget had a temperature of 101 degrees and was admitted to the hospital. She had an abscess that had grown to the size of a soccer ball, and doctors were forced to open the wound a third time. She eventually recovered with a fully operational pancreas and was diabetes free.

Phase six: cancer

Sadly, her trials were not over. In August she contracted a virus much like mono that turned into lymphoma, a fast-acting cancer. In three weeks, Bourget had gone from cancer free to having stage-three cancer.

Bourget was apparently unphased by the diagnosis and didn't even mention it until her mother interjected to remind her. Apparently the cancer had never worried her much, though it should have; doctors had given her only months to live.

Bourget had to be administered a drug similar to chemotherapy but which only attacks cancer cells and leaves healthy cells untouched. The drug she was administered forced her to stop taking immune suppressant drugs for her pancreas. The combination of swapping one drug for the other had a 50 percent possibility of ruining her new pancreas.

If her pancreas did fail and she happened to survive the cancer, she would have to be cancer free for a full year just to be put back on the donor

list. Thankfully, the day before Thanksgiving that same year, she was told she was in complete remission, cancer free, and that her pancreas was just fine.

Final phase: living life

Currently Bourget is 23 years old and living diabetes free and accepting of her disability.

"Her positive attitude helps her get through everything," said Bourget's mother. "And so do good-looking doctors."

Bourget's story of courage was an inspiration for all who attended.

Prestigious proposal

Michigan Journal seeking submissions

By Candice Maier
News Writer

The Michigan Journal of Community Service Learning has recently opened the floor to faculty and staff for submission of scholarly articles relative to community service learning. These articles would be in volume 14 of the journal and would be released in the fall of 2007.

"This call is for faculty who teach and/or conduct research about service-learning," said editor Jeffery Howard.

MJCSL is a national, peer-reviewed, scholarly journal composed of various articles written by teachers and service-learning educators who study theories in higher education and pedagogy, the art and science of teaching.

These educators also conduct several research studies, which they present in the jour-

nal. Many of the contributors are from academic disciplines and professional fields at the University of Michigan.

The MJCSL's motives are to reach out to the community of service-learning educators, remain an active resource and support and encourage further research. There are around 1,200 subscribers to the MJCSL, some of which reside internationally.

The first step in obtaining approval of acceptance is to send an abstract or concise summary by Dec. 20. Acceptance rate is 15 to 20 percent. If approved, an e-mail will be sent in mid-January. Final drafts will be due March 26, 2007. Guidelines for abstracts are found on the MJCSL Web site, <http://www.umich.edu>. Further questions should be directed to Jeffery Howard at jphoward@umich.edu.

Book reading at Furlong

Grant Tracey, Pushcart Prize-nominated author of "Playing Mac: A Novella in Two Acts and Other Scenes," will read from his works Thursday, Dec. 14 at 4:30 p.m. in the Furlong Gallery at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

Tracey teaches literature, film and creative writing at the University of Northern Iowa. When not writing and teaching, he edits "The North American Review," one of the country's most respected literary quarterlies.

"Playing Mac: A Novella in Two Acts and Other Scenes" is Tracey's second story collection with Pocol Press. Tracey's first book is titled "Parallel Lines and the Hockey Universe."

"Tracey had me in this collection long before that closing line, but that was the moment I didn't want his book from Pocol Press to end," said author Brian

Ames. "And it summed up much of what Tracey's work presented to me as a reader: the values, struggles, low-hanging skies, victories, honesty, wonder and clarity of meaning that emanates from the geographic center of the North American continent."

"The Pushcart Prize - Best of the Small Presses" series is an annual literary publication honoring short story writers, poets, essayists and small presses. It has been in publication since 1976.

The event is sponsored by the English and philosophy department's literature committee reading series through a generous grant from the office of the dean of College of Arts and Sciences.

Refreshments will be served at the reading, and Tracey will sign copies of his books. Admission is free and the public is invited.

Red Cedar Hall receives award

The University of Wisconsin-Stout's newest residence hall has received industry recognition among education facilities and business professionals.

Red Cedar Hall, which was designed by SDS Architects of Eau Claire, Wis. and ESG Architects of Minneapolis, was awarded a special design citation by American School and University Magazine in the post-secondary category.

"The design really focuses on getting students together, which can be a problem with suite/apartment living," said a member of the jury.

Red Cedar Hall is showcased in the November issue of the magazine as one of 228 featured projects and one of only 20 citation winners. The annual November Architectural Portfolio issue is a leading idea-book for the education design and construction industry. Jurors sought designs that inspired students, used space efficiently and offered exceptional teaching and learning environments based on

the criteria of innovation, image, function, flexibility, maintainability, sustainability, security, community, balance and personality.

The November 2006 issue of American School and University Magazine is online at <http://asumag.com>.

"The creation of floor communal kitchens is a great idea. The design really focuses on getting students together, which can be a problem with suite/apartment living."

A full list of winners with jury comments is online at www.school designs.com.

In addition, Red Cedar Hall was one of the citation winners to be selected for inclusion in the magazine's calendar for 2007. A photo of the Red Cedar Hall entrance will be featured above one of the months. The calendar will be distributed to more than 65,000 school administrators with the December issue of the magazine and also will be handed out at education-industry trade shows nationwide.

Red Cedar Hall opened in the fall of 2005. It is a suite-style building, with each suite containing three or four bedrooms, a living area, kitchenette and bathroom facilities. Each floor has a laundry room, floor lounge/kitchen and a recycling room. It houses up to 205 students.

The Architectural Portfolio of 2006 had this to say:

"The creation of floor communal kitchens is a great idea. The design really focuses on getting students together, which can be a problem with suite/apartment living."

—2006 jury

Other Colleges in the post secondary category that won awards include Boston University's Fitness and Recreation Center and Agganis Arena. Their architecture was done by Cannon Designs of Grand Island, N.Y. The Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Academic Center and Student Residences of Boston, Mass. also received an award. Their architecture was done by Steffian Bradley Architects of Boston, Mass.

NEWS for the college attention span

College costs

Members of the U.S. Senate Finance Committee heard a witness's proposal on Tuesday, Dec. 5. The proposal was to combine tuition tax credits, an expired income-tax deduction, and the Pell Grant into a refundable "super credit." This would essentially lower education tax incentives and help middle and low-income families with students. They also wished to lower tax write-offs for donations given to the colleges that are sports-related and not academic-related. This would potentially give greater help to low-income students.

Return to sender

Hundreds of letters arrive every day to the non-existent World Trade Center and to those employees who died in the terrorist attack. Mail such as a special offer for a facial, telephone bills, college alumni newsletters and more are stopped each day. The mail is either returned to the sender or sent to a recycling firm to be destroyed. Post office employees wonder when everyone will realize the towers are gone and it is no longer an address.

The Big Apple: trans fat free

Starting July 2008 restaurants in New York will have to eliminate the artificial trans fats from all of

its food. Trans fats are considered harmful because they contribute to heart disease. Some believe trans fat is worse than saturated fat. It is estimated the average American eats 4.7 pounds of trans fats each year. Restaurants are worried that as they make the change in their ingredients, the food won't taste as good.

Audrey Hepburn's dress sold

The black Givenchy dress, worn by Audrey Hepburn in "Breakfast at Tiffany's," sold at an auction for \$807,000. It was expected to be sold for much less, around \$98,000. However, proceeds will go to the charity City of Joy Aid, which helps India's poor.

Cell phone saves family

A family of four was missing for more than a week in a remote area of Oregon. The car got stuck in the snow leaving the family stranded for nine days. The father decided to go searching for help but never returned. The mother and two daughters were later found because of a ping from their cell phone and have been taken to a hospital. They are in good condition but the search continues for the father.

Illegal cargo in semi

A truck driver from Texas was convicted Monday for the

largest human smuggling attempt on record.

Nineteen illegal immigrants died from dehydration, overheating, and suffocation. His trailer was full of more than 70 immigrants who were in insufficient conditions for survival. He is now facing the death penalty.

Felons in the UW system

The UW System's Board of Regents will discuss proposed revisions to faculty and staff disciplinary policy on Friday, Dec. 8. They are reviewing the policy because of a 2005 audit that revealed 40 felons employed by the UW system.

They will be discussing a separate policy that will require background checks on prospective employees. The policy will be different than the background checks required by state law.

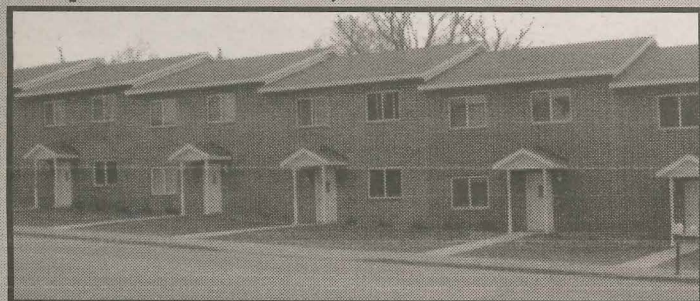
New book for college students

Author Paula Henderson's book, "The College Survival Guide: You Are Not Alone," was just released. The book includes more than one thousand interviews with students and academics worldwide.

The book teaches students how to survive beyond book smart to be street smart. Henderson said she wrote the book to save students \$40,000 worth of regret.

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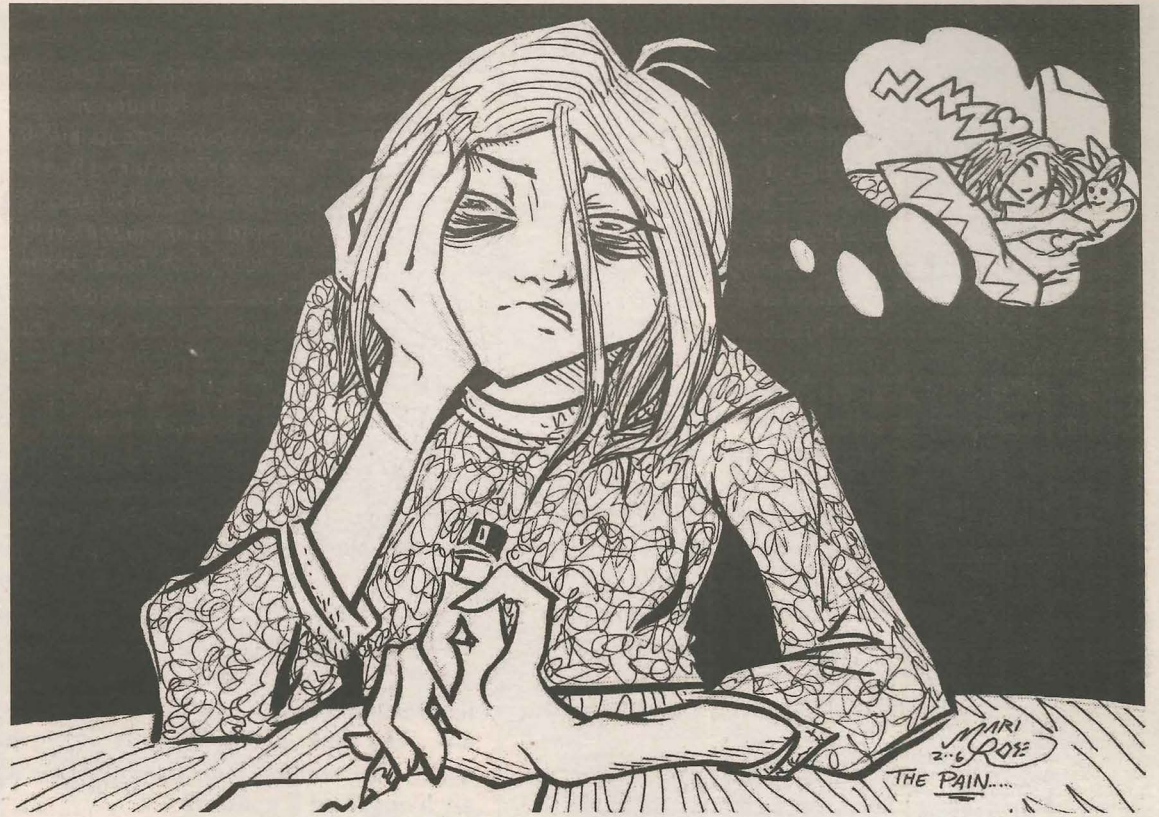
Sleep much? As finals draw nearer and nearer, every year it's the same thing: crunch time. Crunch time means less or no time to hang out with friends and just relax. Crunch time means constant feelings of stress and worry for everybody while deadlines lurk around the corner. But perhaps most of all, crunch time means running at the best performance level we can

on as little as 21-30 hours of sleep per week.

It's not necessarily true that the work is immensely more difficult than it was previously, or that there is even more of it to do now. To face the facts, many students just find it difficult to focus as the semester comes to a close because they have so much going on in their lives and so much to plan for during this time (especially graduating seniors). Thus, we find ourselves for the most part more drained than ever.

Unfortunately, this is for the most part just a fact of life. Advice could be offered on how to "survive finals," but it's most likely nothing you've never heard before. As the years in college pass by you will have more and more work to do anyway. If you haven't pulled an all-nighter yet this year, there's a very good chance it will happen in the next two weeks.

One thing that may

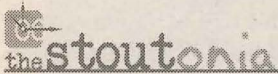


help is to not put work off. Although this advice can (and should) be applied year-round, it is especially true when the semester is wrapping up. If you do put it off until the last three to four days, you don't need to

be told that you are digging yourself into a hole.

Another thing to keep in mind is that if you are truly sleep-deprived, getting some sleep is more important than finishing that project—even if it's due the next morning.

If you are extremely sleep-deprived you will not be able to function at a normal level, and thus your end product will most likely reflect how you were feeling during the making of it.



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Done making dirt angels



Matt Schubbe Columnist

Well, my wish has finally come true. After weeks and weeks of angrily shaking my fist skyward and making dirt angels in parking lots, we've finally gotten some snow around these parts. Can you imagine my elation when I had to scrape a thick layer of powder off of my car today before driving it? Can you comprehend the joy of nearly breaking my spine as I slipped on some ice while walking to class? Well maybe not. I may, perhaps, be the only one who enjoys near-fatal ice slides, but you get the idea. It's about time campus became officially winterized.

But is there a downside? I know it's slushy for driving and whatnot, but can there really be anything bad about having a little snow? I mean honestly, how can you not absolutely love everything about this beautiful and magical substance? Its light, innocent and pure design is just too much for me to bear. Usually when I start writing positively about anything, I realize there's a downside about halfway through and have to explore it. But besides a little shoveling when I head home

for Christmas, I really can't come up with a negative aspect here. I'm sure all of you snow haters will be e-mailing me in droves, but I can live with that. I really can.

For you see, I knew that bywriting such a glowingly positive article about such a polarizing issue as snow (see what I did there, with the polarizing, and the snow being at the north and south poles?), that I would probably need a place to hide out from the detractors of this meteorological phenomenon I mentioned earlier. That is why I, in total secrecy since the snow began to fall, have been building a secret snow bunker hideaway and stocking it with supplies so I can hole up there until the heat dies down. How did I do this in less than a day? None of your business. If I told you, I'd probably inadvertently reveal some clue to my location, and then all of this would be for naught. One hint, though: it involves a loyal army of ninjas. Lots of them.

So there you have it. Snow is an amazing form of weather, and I couldn't be happier than I am now as I'm enjoying it. And since I've exiled myself to a snowy retreat, there's no way you'll find me. Unless a sudden temperature increase causes my fort to melt, then I'd pretty much be out in the open. Let's just hope global warming isn't as bad as we've been led to believe.

It's time to grow up, people



Theresa Radtke Columnist

It's getting to be that time of year again. It's time to complain about what freshmen hate about living in the dorms, i.e. what girls they despise and want to hurt.

Now, I am only a freshman, but it seems to me at this time of the year the truth really comes out. I hear a lot more talk about the girls that other girls hate. I hear about who lives where and who moved out and who is moving out at semester. It's a little ridiculous. Honestly, leave the high school drama out of here! I have friends who don't live with me in AFM, and they are noticing the same thing: people's real identities are coming out.

I think the part that really hurts is knowing that we are all education majors. As young people train to become educators, I see some girls that just don't show potential. Isn't a teacher supposed to be accepting of other people? Certainly if a teacher is judgmental they will not receive respect from their students or colleagues.

In college I thought we were supposed to be practicing to become teachers. If I were to take examples from what I see

in my hall, I think any school board would turn down a lot these girls. Some are so immature and some are just mean. They can judge anybody just by appearances, and that is exactly what not to do to anyone.

Coming fresh out of high school I still remember who were the good and who were the bad teachers. Maybe this college and every other in the United States should think about stopping bad teaching at the start. Entrance into teaching programs should become more critical. This doesn't necessarily mean focusing on the academic aspect, but more on personality. Some of the girls I have talked to don't even know why they are becoming teachers, they just said it was something to pick so they weren't undecided. I really don't want my children to be taught by a person with that kind of attitude. I was placed with other education majors. That part actually rocks because we can talk about our teaching classes and things that interest us about being teachers. Some art education students are there too, and that makes me happy.

I guess in conclusion I've learned two things about living in the dorms this semester: One, most art students going into education have very interesting opinions on the world. Two, that there are some real snobs living with me who shouldn't be going into education but are attempting it anyway.

Online vs. Classroom Teaching

Recently, University of Wisconsin-Stout instructor David Tank asked his online writing class the question, "What is your opinion about the value of online vs. classroom university courses?" Here are three representative responses, printed with permission of the students.

Online classes easier? Think again.

Lauren Storz
Student

The thought of not having to attend class is certainly appealing, especially with Menomonie being quite chilly for a good majority of the year. Who wants to bundle up and walk to class just to strip down and sweat for 50 minutes once getting there? Not to mention that the lecture will most likely be boring, and you'll spend the entire time doodling in the margins of your notebook instead of actually learning anything.

For these reasons and more, many students are registering for online classes. The appeal is obvious. You can get the PowerPoints, communicate with your fellow students, even take tests – without ever stepping foot in a classroom.

However, this is only the fairytale way of seeing things. While online classes are seemingly easier and less hassle, there's more to it than that. Many students assume that an online class is the easy way out. After asking around, it's become clear to me that a lot of people on UW-Stout's campus are under this impression. One student explained to me his theory on the whole thing – if one of the classes is online, it's okay to take 18 credits because "the three from the online class will be a breeze."

Take it from me, fellow students. Online classes are by no means an easy way out, or an effective method of lightening your load. After taking a math class online over the summer and a writing class online throughout this past semester, I am adamantly against the concept, and refuse to sign up for even one more.

Math has never been one of my high points, so taking it by itself in the summer seemed like the smartest thing to do. However, I was living with my parents for the summer and the university in my hometown didn't offer a class that transferred correctly. Taking it online was my only option – and I thought it was an excellent one.

Two weeks later, when the PowerPoints stopped being review and the concepts stopped making sense to me, I was not happy. With no professor to ask for help or a second explanation and no tutoring service to go to, it was up to me and my textbook to figure it out. In the end, I dropped the class in fear of failing it and was \$800 further in debt with nothing to show for it.

After the traumatic experience with online math, I was pretty leery of ever taking that chance again. Nonetheless, writing has always come easy to me, so when I was looking for classes, I figured I could handle it online. My other writing classes had always been a piece of cake, so I didn't think there would be any problems.

Boy, was I wrong. From forgetting to turn in as-

Perspective of a non-traditional student

H.A. Tallitsch
Student

For non-traditional students online learning is not just an option, it can be their only alternative.

Research suggests that online learning can be just as valuable as the classroom, according to a detailed study from Sloan Consortium, a group supporting online education.

"A majority of academic leaders (57 percent) believe learning outcomes for online education are equal to or superior to those of face-to-face instruction," stated the Sloan study.

Being a non-traditional student myself, I find that the day doesn't have quite as many hours as I could use. With work, commuting to class, and the need for quality time with my family, the ability to learn from my living room is godsend.

There are those that would prescribe to the theory that the online environment does not provide the real-time instruction that one would find in the traditional classroom. However, with many non-traditional students exceeding twice the age of their peers, many of the problems and life skills encountered in the classroom are typically inconsequential.

Offering students the opportunity to learn on their own time schedules, spend more time at home, and remain within their own peer groups is something that older students will never find in the conventional classroom.

This is a chance for those who may have missed the boat the first time around to gain the advantages of a college degree without having to jeopardize the lives they have already worked so hard to achieve.

I myself am grateful for the opportunity to attend class in the online environment. Learning and expanding your mind is never a waste—even if it is in your bathrobe.

signments to scrambling them in at the last minute, my writing class quickly became a last priority. With just as much work as I was getting from my other classes, without the physical class time to keep me on top of things, I got behind very quickly.

Yes, online classes seem appealing. Yes, they seem like a good idea. Just make sure you think about it in depth prior to making that commitment. Know yourself, your work ethic, and your ability to manage time. While the general opinion is that online classes are easier than the tried and true classroom method, in reality, they are much more difficult.

Online classes here to stay

Brandon Pinney
Student

Today, with many students having to work their class schedules around their already busy lives, online courses have become an important option. Many students have other responsibilities such as jobs, family, clubs and sports. Online classes have become the answer for students with these scheduling problems.

Taking courses online offers students a chance to go through the course as they would like. Students have the opportunity to decide what times during the week are best for them to do their work for that class. Being able to do this allows students to get more out of the class; they do not have to worry about falling behind if they miss a class.

Some will argue that students do not receive the whole college experience when they decide to take online courses. However, this opportunity gives them a chance to develop a different learning style by teaching themselves the material. This will be an important skill when they go into the work world. This also gives students who feel uncomfortable in classroom settings a chance to excel.

It is true that online courses are not for everyone. Many students prefer the traditional classroom setting and enjoy the opportunity to interact with their professors. That is an important part of the college experience.

However, with technology, online students are able to interact with their peers and their professor through classroom discussion forums. Also, if students are feeling troubled by the material, most professors are more than willing to set time aside to meet with them in their offices.

It is true that there are courses that should not be offered online. For example, hands-on courses such as biology, theater and music classes should remain as traditional classroom courses.

However, there is starting to be a crossover of some of these types of courses. Some universities are offering classes such as speech as hybrid online courses.

Hybrid courses meet at a few specified times per semester to present bigger projects and take tests. This gives students the freedom of online courses and the interaction of typical classroom taught courses.

There are many arguments for and against online courses. However, one thing is clear: Online courses are a great option for students who have many other responsibilities and do not have time to attend class three times per week.

Allowing students this option for online classes gives them a chance to succeed where they might not otherwise be able to.

Online courses are, and will continue to be, a very useful tool for many college students. Being able to work the class around their schedule, instead of working their schedule around the class, allows students the opportunity to focus more of their time on learning.

Clearly, online courses are here to stay.

letters to the editor

Dear Editor,

To go or not to go, to the game that is. A long night of laptop boredom or another friend's birthday party at the Buck, both may seem to be more appealing to the average student. But what about those that don't really have anything going on, the students that find comfort in the nothingness that emits from the tube across the room for hours on end? From sitcoms to 1 vs. 100, the television seems to always be there as a filler when our busy

schedules open up.

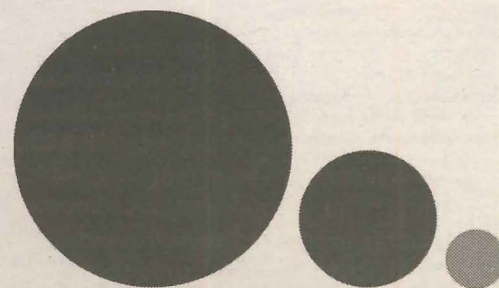
We need to consider, for a moment, the varsity athletes here on campus. The student-athlete is a forgotten hero of campus life. They proudly represent our university through competitions throughout the year. Their hard work and sacrifices of morning practices and 2-a-days doesn't ever seem to earn the respect of the greater student body or even get recognized.

Student attendance for games, like classes, is down. Students seem to be more caught

up in the online world of social lives and gaming than they are in the social interaction that takes place in the physical world. If even one fourth of the student body attended home games, the opposing teams would be overwhelmed by Bluedevil support.

Bryan Weichelt

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Goodbye, Johnny, and thanks for the memories



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By Brittany Bean
Correspondent

The woman in black

Opening the door to Johnny Lunchbox is like opening the lid of a long-forgotten trunk filled with invaluable treasures. The rich smell of the past saturates the air of the warm store where precious knickknacks occupy drawers and shelves and even hang suspended from the ceiling. Lively music fills the room from an old record spinning on a turntable in the front of the store.

A woman clad in black from head to toe sits behind the comfortably cluttered glass counter, cheerfully greeting each customer. Renee Carrell, the sole proprietor of the vintage/resale store, explains that her dark wardrobe is not from a dislike of color.

"I like color on everything else, but I don't like it competing with me," said Carrell.

Although her clothing may be devoid of color, Carrell's personality is not. She reveals that one of her favorite parts of owning the store is all the interesting people she meets, making her store, in her words, a "social hub downtown." A steady stream of people enters the shop with the intent of having a good conversation before doing some good shopping. They stop by just to talk, to show her a craft book they've discovered, to play with Carrell's puppy or even to introduce her to their parents.

Never know what you'll find

The unique collection of records, jewelry, shoes, furniture, toys, clothing and, yes, lunchboxes in Johnny Lunchbox has helped Carrell's small business survive for the past four years in downtown Menomonie, Wis.

"It's such an experience," a customer commented on the store, "because you never know what you'll find."

Carrell's store started as a hobby when she would commute to the Twin Cities for work and stop at garage sales on her way home. She believes that shopping secondhand is her way of recycling and is the greatest natural resource in the economy.

Carrell spoke briefly about a family that literally had to hire a "de-clutterer" to help dispose of all their extra belongings.

"You could make a living as a de-clutterer," said Carrell. "People are drowning in their own consumption. The most fascinating thing with this business is the relationship people have with their material possessions."

Improving downtown

Working at Penco after graduating from the University of Wisconsin-Stout in studio art, Carrell and former classmate Mike Tarr watched many local businesses fail.

They made it their goal to



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Thrift shop and knickknack emporium, Johnny Lunchbox (above left), has been the social hub of downtown Menomonie thanks in large part to the cheerfully eccentric proprietor, Renee Carrell (above). This February, the vintage store will be closing its doors, to the dismay of many.

start a business that would last for more than six months in Menomonie.

With her garage sale treasures overflowing from her home, Carrell decided to act on this goal and open a store.

At the time, Tarr was on a political rant and wanted to name the shop "Joe Lunchbox," a term used to describe the blue-collar working man.

However, when he proposed the idea, Tarr said "Johnny

Lunchbox" by accident. Carrell immediately loved the name and declared that it would be the name of the store.

Carrell and Tarr decided to buy what had been an old headstone shop located downtown.

Because of its central location, the headstone shop used to have a projection screen on the roof to flash advertisements for local businesses.

Carrell took advantage of not only the good location but also one of the features the former gravestone store had: a freight elevator that is now the single dressing room in Johnny Lunchbox.

When the store first opened, Carrell went to garage sales, auctions, thrift stores and estate sales to collect merchandise for the store. She now gets 85 percent of her goods from walk-ins and is fascinated by unusual finds that don't make sense but do make people laugh.

Records hold the prestige of being Carrell's favorite item to shop for.

"There is some bizarre stuff on vinyl that you'll never hear again. If you don't find that record, it's gone," she said.

Truly "awful" parties, etc.

In addition to her love of obscure music, Carrell also enjoys concocting crazy costumes for customers, whether it's Halloween or not.

The "Awful Party" she hosted last year gave Carrell just the opportunity to create numerous wacky costumes. She realized she had a lot of awful stuff in her store and decided to throw a party where guests dressed in awful clothes, ate awful food and listened to awful music. Prizes were awarded for worst couple, hair, outfit, dancer and snack.

Before her Awful Party, Carrell also organized two fashion shows for the community, under the titles "Cheap Date" and "Cheap Date II: Fashion without Finance." Carrell allowed local designers to use clothing and accessories from her store to fabricate ensembles to display in the show.

The event took place on Valentine's Day each year and featured outfits ranging from sophisticated vintage clothing to Japanese street wear.

Hosting fashion shows and

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A varied collection of vinyl records is one of the store's biggest draws, featuring vintage music of all tastes.

campus calendar

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Community

Thursday, Dec. 7

- Holiday Candy Grams from Stout Retail Association. One for \$3, two for \$5. Outside Terrace, MSC
- Holiday Clearance Sale in The Niche. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 2nd Floor, Home Economics
- Applied Science's Guest Speaker Series: "Life in Pharmacy School - What I Wish I Would Have Known" by Codee Peterson. 11:15 a.m. Room 141, Jarvis Hall Science Wing
- Architectural Design Students will unveil their solutions for a new playground at River Heights Family Night. 5:15 p.m. River

Heights Elementary School, Menomonie

- Relay for Life Team Captain Kick-off Meeting. 6 to 8 p.m. POD 1, Micheels Hall Computer Lab
- A Taste of Wisconsin for the Holidays with Gladys Earl. \$40. Must be pre-registered. 6 to 9 p.m. Room 238, Home Economics

Friday, Dec. 8

- Holiday Candy Grams from Stout Retail Association. One for \$3 two for \$5. Outside Terrace, MSC
- Last Day of The Niche's Holiday Clearance Sale. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 2nd Floor, Home Economics

Lunchbox/ end of an era

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parties is one way Carrell tries to support downtown Menomonie. She says that in towns with Wal-Marts or Targets, it's harder to keep small businesses running.

End of an era

"Just because everyone loves your store and thinks it's great doesn't mean your business is successful," Carrell says. "It doesn't matter how many compliments you get, you have to make enough money."

Although Carrell's store has always been self-sufficient, she will be packing up her trunk of treasures and moving strictly to an online store after February 2007. Daily sales of 50 percent

off are taking place now and will continue until the store closes.

"I would love to stay in this store and have a minimal lifestyle, but I'm married and don't have the luxury of throwing myself into this store," said Carrell.

But she is not completely locking the lid to the trunk.

Carrell will keep her sign, the name of her store, her Web site and eBay store in case she receives a good offer someday to re-open. Closing the lid might cause the smell of the past to fade and the music to stop, but the memories created by Renee Carrell and her store of unique knickknacks will continue to weave through people's lives, reminding them of a store and a woman who brought humor,

Sunday, Dec. 10

- Gamma Sigma Sigma's All-You-Can-Eat Applebee's Pancake Breakfast. \$5. 8 to 10 a.m. Applebee's, Menomonie
- UW-Stout's choir presents annual Holiday Choral Concert. 6 p.m. Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Menomonie

Monday, Dec. 11

- Christmas for Critters Bake Sale to Benefit the Dunn County Humane Society. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 1st Floor, Bowman Hall
- Bake Sale for St. WEA. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tables at the Terrace, MSC

Tuesday, Dec. 12

- Bake Sale for St. WEA. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tables at the Terrace, MSC
- EDGE session - University Dining Services: The Inside Story. 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Glass Lounge, Price Commons
- Holiday Feast. 4 to 7:30 p.m. Price Commons
- Holiday Buffet. \$7.75 in advance, \$8.75 day of event. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Great Hall, MSC
- Interviewing Workshop. 10:15 to 11:10 a.m. Career Services.

Wednesday, Dec. 13

- Bake Sale for St. WEA. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tables at the Terrace, MSC
- Holiday Feast. 4 to 7 p.m. Tainter Dining
- Job Search Strategies Workshop. 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Career Services

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Entertainment

Thursday, Dec. 7

- Samurai Film Series: New Perspectives on the Past presents "Mibu Gishi Den (When the Last Sword is Drawn)." 7 to 9 p.m. Menomonie Public Library
- Blue Devil Productions presents music event: The Evening Rig with Die Electric! Free with Stout ID, \$1 Public. 8 p.m. Rec Center, MSC

Friday, Dec. 8

- Live In Concert Art-Rock Group: Runway 36. 7 p.m. Blind Munchies Coffeehouse, Menomonie
- Mini Concert featuring "Prihoda." Donations are appreciated and all proceeds go to the Campus Violence Prevention Project. 7:30 to 10 p.m. Acoustic Café, Menomonie

Saturday, Dec. 9

- UW-Madison's The Madhatters and Redefined a cappella groups perform. \$12 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors. 7 p.m. Mabel Tainter
- Learn How to Swing Dance with Stout Swing Club. 8 to 10 p.m. \$5. Huff's, MSC

Wednesday, Dec. 13

- Stout's Biggest Loser Contest first weigh-in. 6 p.m. North-

woods Room, MSC

- Learn How to Swing Dance with Stout Swing Club. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Glass Lounge, Price Commons

Thursday, Dec. 14

- Blue Devil Productions presents Event: Open Mic. 8 p.m. Rec Center, MSC

Athletics

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Art students use pottery skills to make a profit



Chelsea Rickert

Entertainment Editor

The Ceramics Guild's semi-annual pottery sale is going on in the Micheels Hall atrium. There are several styles of hand-crafted ceramics for sale, most of which are priced under \$15. Items for sale include pots, bowls, cups and trays in various shapes, sizes and colors.

"Our goal is to give people an appreciation of handmade objects," said Jesse Edgington, a sixth-year studio art major who took part in making some of the items for sale.

The Ceramics Guild is comprised of University of Wisconsin-Stout art students who are interested in ceramics. One day every semester the guild gets together for a "Throwathon." Tim Bergelin, a sixth-year studio art ceramics and art education major described it as "a marathon of making pots."

These students spend the day molding clay into masterpieces and spend the days following glazing and perfecting their creations. One of the guild's goals is to "build a family around clay."

"We build a camaraderie working together," said Bergelin.

Profits from the pottery sale go to fund the guild's trip to the National Counsel on Education for Ceramic Arts conference. The convention draws thousands of people, including big names in ceramics such as Sam Chung, a famous studio potter and a pro-



Contributed photo

Front row: Tim Bergelin, Jesse Edgington, Chad Steve. Back row: Josh Ausman, Crystal Schriener. Art students band together to create masterpieces of clay and hopefully make a profit in order to fund their educational excursions in the ceramics world.

fessor of art and design at Northern Michigan University.

UW-Stout ceramics professor Geoffrey Wheeler, who also runs the Furlong Gallery in Micheels, attends the event with students.

The NCECA 41st annual

conference will be held in Louisville, Ky. from March 14 to the 17. This conference gives the students who attend a chance to explore professional development and gain more education about the world of ceramics. The Ceramics Guild also utilizes the

conference to bring the University of Wisconsin-Stout to the national spotlight.

A percent of all profits from the pottery sale goes to further the guild's education and also supplements some miscellaneous supplies and materials for

the ceramics lab in the Applied Arts Room 103.

The Ceramics Guild will continue selling their wares through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Micheels Hall atrium.

An evening out in Menomonie with Madison's a cappella scene



Katie Kenner

Entertainment Writer

The MadHatters and Redefined from the University of Wisconsin-Madison will be performing at the Mabel Tainter theater Saturday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors.

MadHatters is an all-male a cappella group. They consist of 17 members, nine of which will be graduating this year. The group sings from artists including Rascal Flatts and Keith Urban, Gavin Degraw, Coldplay, OutKast, Stevie Wonder and The Beach Boys.

MadHatters was established in 1997 as the first men's a cappella group at UW-Madison. Chris

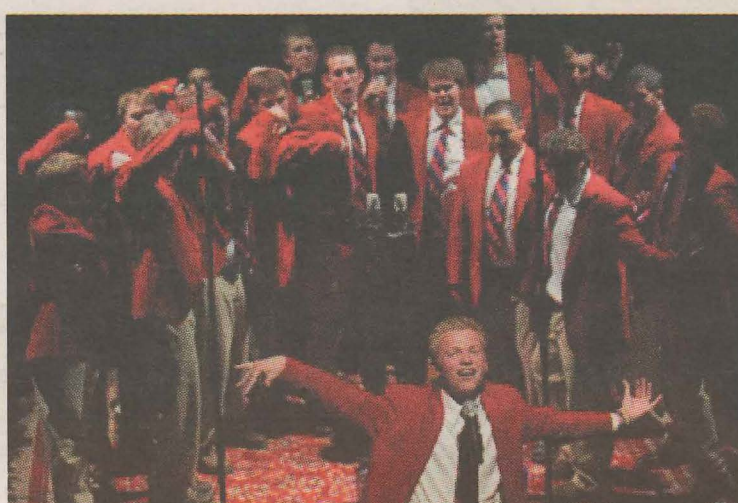
Yahng and Chad Musolf, both students at UW-Madison, formed the group as a bunch of guys acting like goofs, making music and entertaining the community.

In 2002, MadHatters sold out their spring concert at the Orpheum Theater and then went on to perform at the acclaimed University of Wisconsin Varsity Band Concert.

They recorded their first CD, "State Street," with the university's women's a cappella group, Tangled in Blue. The release of "State Street" spread the already growing fan base to nationwide status. MadHatters were then honored with a song selected for the 2002 "Best of A Cappella" CD. The publicity from that CD helped MadHatters create their first tour.

Fall 2003 marked the release of "No Jacket Required," their second album, which was a live CD of their sold out spring concert at the Orpheum.

MadHatters ventured on



Source: www.madhatters.com

With skill and hard work, a cappella groups provide unique entertainment.

their second tour in 2004, which spanned 5,300 miles, reaching Denver, Las Vegas, San Diego, Los Angeles, Hollywood, San Luis Obispo and San Francisco. The group was also privileged that year to sing the national anthem for 41,000 people at a Brewers vs. Cubs game.

MadHatters released their third CD, "Friday After Class,"

in April of 2005. Features from "Friday After Class" include remake hits from Gavin Degraw, Rascal Flatts, Switchfoot, U2, James Taylor, Collective Soul, Sister Hazel and even a little bit of Britney Spears thrown in.

Redefined, also from UW-Madison, is a coed a cappella group consisting of 18 members. The group is comprised of

five basses, four tenors, four altos, four sopranos and a skilled vocal percussionist.

Redefined was established in 2001 by students Nate Mendl and Andrew Jarvinen.

The group made their public debut in early 2002 during a regional round of the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella held at Mills Hall in Madison.

They joined the MadHatters opening for their spring concert and then held their own sold out show.

Redefined has two CDs, "Redefined" released in 2003 and "Vooboo," released in 2004. "Vooboo" includes remakes from No Doubt, Evanescence, Dixie Chicks, Rick Springfield and the Doobie Brothers.

For music clips and more information visit the MadHatters' Web site at www.uwmadhatters.com and Redefined at uwredefined.com.

"Best rock band" performs at the Blind Munchies

Katie Kenner
Entertainment Writer

Runway 36 will be playing at the Blind Munchies Coffeehouse at 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 8. Admission is free. The indie Christian group has been in town on numerous occasions, most recently at Yeshuapoloosa.

Runway 36's influences range from Weezer, The Get Up Kids, Smashing Pumpkins, Foo Fighters, Relient K, Guns'n'Roses, The Beatles, U2 and many more. R36 claims that their music sounds like "That pizza you left in the oven too long. Wait, sounds not smells.

We sound like Runway 36. Loud and quiet, fast and slow, happy and sad, and crazy and serious." Michael Allen is on lead guitar; Eric, known affectionately as "Ewok," on drums; Safety Joe on bass and brothers Kyle Hopson on keys and vo-

cals and Ryan Hopson on guitar and vocals.

The Rochester, Minn. group has been around a while under various names and line-ups. In 2004, R36 entered Minneapolis' Club 3 Degrees band tournament and won the first night but didn't take first place. They went back in 2005 to win best rock band and they took third place overall. Then R36 got to record four songs at Fuzzy Slippers Studio in St. Paul, Minn. In early fall of 2005, R36 released their second full length independent release titled "Forecast."

R36 signed with FS Productions, a label out of St. Paul, Minn. in November, 2005.

R36 has three albums out; the first two were not released in mainstream stores. The third and most recent album, "Welcome to the Afterfall" was released June 6, 2006 and is in stores now.



Source: Rick Kinchen

Runway 36 has undergone many name changes but has maintained their sound throughout the years.

Taught by a game show

And no, it's not "Jeopardy"



Jeremy Nelson/Stoutonia

Wednesday, Dec. 5 the Inter-Residence Hall Association's Leadership and Events committee hosted an awareness game show courtesy of TJohnE, an entertainment events company based out of Michigan. The game show asked teams of students pop culture trivia, utilizing high resolution video clips and an enhanced sound system. Joanne Ehrmantraut, a University of Wisconsin-Stout student pictured above, won the \$1,000 grand prize and a raffled "Guitar Hero II" game.

Go ahead and... Ask Zombie Socrates!



Zombie Socrates

Philosopher and Advice Columnist

Hey, kids, it's me: Zombie Socrates. I'm back from the dead and in Menomonie for the time being, so I thought I could do my part for society by giving advice to you young whippersnappers and answer any questions you might have about the meaning of life, truth, justice, girlfriend/boyfriend squabbles or anything in between. The shop is open, so ask away!

Dear Zombie Socrates,
If a one-dimensional object has no shadow and a two-dimensional object has a one-dimensional shadow and a three-dimensional object has a two-dimensional shadow and a four dimensional object has a three dimensional shadow, what does a four-dimensional object look like?

Sincerely,
Demented Dimensions

Dear Demented,
Oh, I've been to the fourth dimension. Yeah. I go there sometimes on the weekends. It looks a lot like a hamster and smells kind of like a mix between the color blue and Burt Reynolds.

No, but seriously, dimensions can really mess with your mind, but I will attempt to explain to you. The first dimension is created by drawing two points and connecting them with a line.

The second dimension is created by drawing another line branching off our first line, giving us width and height. The third dimension is created by bending one of those branched lines from the first line so it connects with another branch, thus giving us depth.

If you are confused now, just think of a three dimensional object, like a cube, for the third dimension.

If we have a cube for our third dimension, an object in the fourth dimension would look something like a timeline of that cube's path of motion from the beginning of its existence to the

end of its existence.

So pretty much every moment the cube moves or changes form or shape somewhere that instant is frozen in time as part of the fourth dimension's path.

So if the cube came into existence and then moved ten feet in space before disappearing out of existence, the fourth dimensional object would look like a long snake, representing every space that cube was in as it moved through time.

In case you want more information on dimensional layers, I suggest you make use of this newfangled "Internet" thingy that seems to have popped up since I've been dead and go over to www.tenthdimension.com.

I must warn you, however, that the conceptual ideas of this Web site will likely mess up your mind hardcore.

If you have any questions you would like to ask me, simply send them to stoutonia@uwstout.edu, and be sure to include Zombie Socrates in the subject header!

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Jerome Butchee
Entertainment Writer

A ferry transporting 500 men, women and children to a Navy celebration explodes in New Orleans. Alcohol, tobacco and firearms agent Doug Carlin, played by Denzel Washington, is sent in to take part in the large investigation in which he further confirms that the cause is a terrorist attack by car bomb. Carlin happens upon a beached body that provides the missing link to possibly solving this crime. Impressed by Carlin's quick assessment of the situation, FBI agent Andrew Pryzwara, played by Val Kilmer, invites Carlin to the FBI's new experimental investigation task force.

In the wake of terrorist attacks and the war on terror, "Déjà vu" takes a bold step into an American terror attack taking place in a very sensitive area, New Orleans. With many types of investigations like these taking months, and many times years, to solve, a new type of surveillance technology allows users to look four days in the past. The catch is that you

must view footage in real time, meaning you can't rewind or fast forward the frames of the four-day video feed; you must watch it "live."

Confused? So is Doug Carlin, who gets brought up to speed after accepting the special invitation to the team. He eventually figures out that this isn't surveillance footage but an actual portal to the past that can be viewed at any angle and through any wall or ceiling. Even with this useful tool to help identify the suspects, this opens more questions and problems when an attempt to send a hand-written note back to the past succeeds.

The concept of time travel, terror attacks and a dash of Hurricane Katrina remarks would be a tough story to convey without compelling characters and human emotion.

Denzel Washington once again provides his powerful screen presence without seeming over the top or out of place. You can see the passion in his face that is driving him to solve this horrific crime, many of the other characters also have this same contained anger.

Most surprisingly, Val Kilmer is mainly a subdued government man who, just like Washington's character, is confused with how this experimental technology works.



Source: www.rottentomatoes.com

So let's get this straight: in order to solve the mysteries behind major catastrophes, you must view surveillance footage from four days in the past—in real time. But since you can't rewind or fast forward the frames of the four-day video feed, you must watch it "live." But if you bend time back on itself to accomplish this, then how... oh, never mind.

Coming from the man who brought us the high-energy films "Man on Fire" and "Domino," Tony Scott takes the less visual approach and uses the story for the same type of energy found in his previ-

ous entries. Time travel has always been an abstract subject for films, but "Déjà vu" makes a concrete case for the actual existence of this theory using technology we, for the most part, have today.

Without being exploitive of current events or being silly with scientific explanations, "Déjà vu" provides further evidence that Hollywood still has promise for genre benders and thought-provoking subjects.

Blink 182 (minus lead singer) makes comeback



Chris Moellering
Entertainment Writer

On Monday, Dec. 4 +44 rocked a packed First Avenue in Minneapolis. The band that was formed by Mark Hoppus and Travis Barker of Blink 182 has been on the road promoting their first album, "When Your Heart Stops Beating."

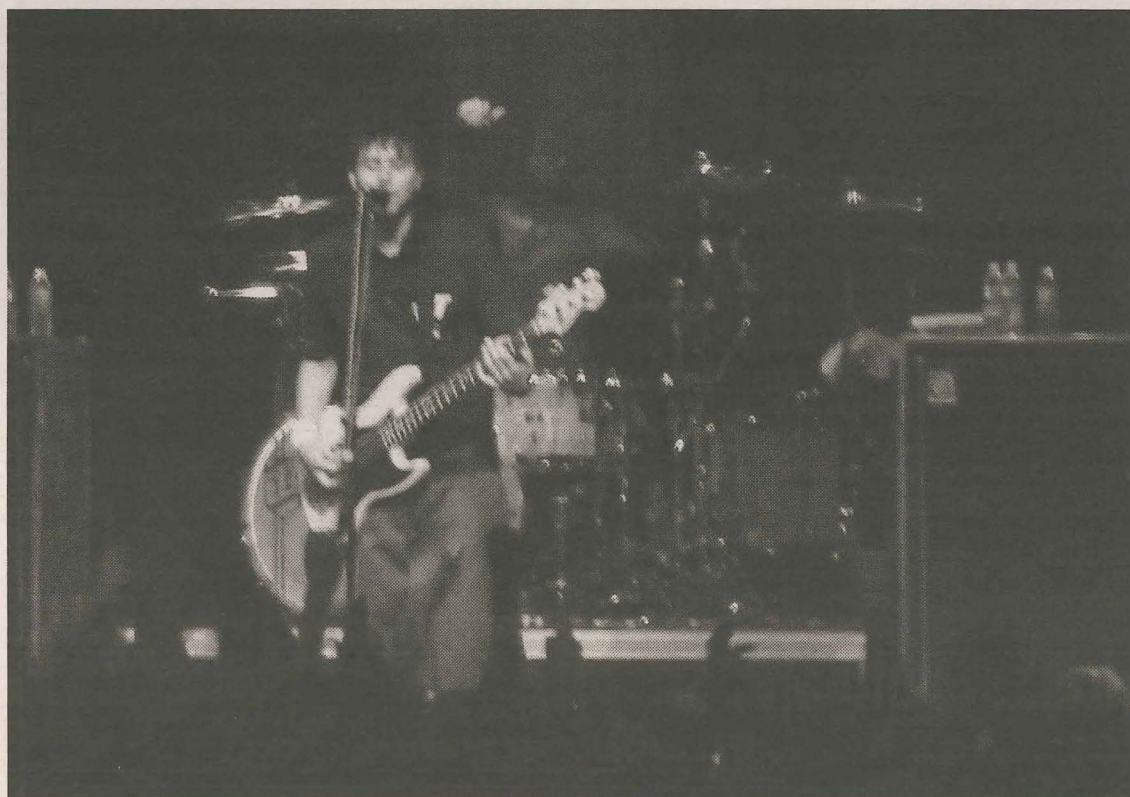
The concert was postponed last month because Travis Barker broke his arm during the filming of their first music video for the title track, "Your Heart."

On Monday, it looked like fans were going to be disappointed once again. Fans stood waiting for the concert to start. At 6:45 p.m., the concert's scheduled start time, the crowd began to wonder.

Growing impatient, a security guard informed them that Barker's plane was delayed and wouldn't be arriving in Minneapolis until 7:40 p.m., five minutes before +44 was suppose to take the stage.

After further inquiring, it was discovered that Barker would be getting a police escort to downtown Minneapolis from the airport once his plane landed.

At 7:45 p.m., after an hour



Katie Kenner/Stoutonia

Members of now-extinct band Blink 182 make a long-awaited comeback in concert as the newly-formed group +44. The band's performance was more mature than that of Blink 182.

delay, the concert began with the opening band, The Matches. This artistic-emo quartet's guitar riffs were creative and catchy, but combined with out-of-key vocals.

Well-constructed riffs fell apart into a jumbled mess of noise, but a lot of the crowd seemed to enjoy The Matches.

Around 9 p.m., the moment that +44 fans have been waiting almost three years for had finally arrived: the first chance to rock

out with Hoppus and Barker since the breakup of Blink 182.

This no-nonsense and straightforward band is very different from the immaturity of Blink 182, but Hoppus and Barker, both in their mid-thirties, can still rock.

Barker, with his right arm still in a cast, played the entire set with one arm without missing a beat. He made playing drums with one arm look like riding a bike. It takes tal-

ent to beat the drums with one arm while smoking a cigarette with the other.

Hoppus's music may show maturity, but his stage antics remain unchanged, as he bounced around on the stage like a kid. His humor remains in tact too, as he teased the crowd in between songs. He poked fun at the Minnesota weather and invited the entire crowd to move to Los Angeles.

Hoppus's maturity has had

one major advantage: his ability to sing. Hoppus obviously cares more about the quality of his sound. The band played nearly every song off their album, and every one sounded as clear as the CD.

For the duet "Make You Smile," which features Carol Heller, Hoppus took it upon himself to sing both parts and did not miss a note.

To get the crowd into the holiday mood, +44 covered the song "Christmas Vacation" by old-school punk heroes the Descendents.

During a short break between songs the crowd broke out into a chant, "%\$#@ Tom," referring to Blink 182 member Tom Delonge who left Hoppus and Barker and formed Angels and Airwaves, a band that has turned out to be an utter failure for Delonge. Hoppus, being respectful to his former friend, ignored the chant and started the next song.

The +44 set was short, but it was sweet. The no nonsense and straightforward set mimicked the band's CD; passionate and sincere. They played their last song and walked off the stage, thanking the crowd repeatedly.

Despite the "%\$#@ Tom" chants, +44 did not return for an encore. However, some could say that an encore might have spoiled the amazing performance.

Open Mic rocks

Most diverse lineup so far for event



Jenna Wojan
Entertainment Writer

A large turnout for Blue Devil Production's Open Mic greeted many talented artists on Thursday night, Nov. 30 in the Rec Center.

First on stage was freshman Brian Marth, an applied science major, playing an instrumental electric guitar solo.

"It was 100 percent poorly assembled improv," said Marth. Taking influences from bands such as Coheed and Cambria, As I Lay Dying, and The Eagles, Marth did not disappoint the crowd with his improvable stylings. Marth can also play acoustic guitar and bass, having taken lessons beginning at the early age of 11.

Another performer was first time participant in BDP's Open Mic, Josh Johnson. Sitting on the chair with the mic lowered to his height, Johnson confessed, "I am a little nervous."

Johnson didn't seem nervous as he covered songs by Sublime, Jack Johnson and '90s alternative band, Third Eye Blind.

Johnson, a junior double majoring in hospitality and tourism and special event planning,

was the "typical band geek" in his youth, but grew to love jam bands like The Grateful Dead and Phish.

The only female performer of the night was freshman Chelsey Quine, a retail merchandising and management major, playing two of her own songs titled, "Because of You" and "Why."

"Playing music is a great stress reliever," said Quine. She has been playing acoustic guitar since freshman year in high school and has never played her own songs for a crowd until now.

"My ears are still burning," she said after her performance.

The most surprising act of the night was a bongo and acoustic guitar performance from seniors Michael Maery and Josh Smeltzer.

For their finale, their hard-core rapper friends known as "Romes" and "Square" came onstage and entertained the audience with their rhymes. Matzler, a guitar player, is no stranger to live performances, as his band, Born Out of Chance, played at Walk In the Park last year.

The Open Mic lineup was the most diverse that BDP has had all fall semester, as well as the most highly attended event by University of Wisconsin-Stout students.

The next Open Mic night is scheduled for next Thursday, Nov. 14 in the Rec Center.

Cover band comes to Stout Ale House

Katie Kenner
Entertainment Writer

Stout Ale House bar will be hosting the musical act Section 8 at 9:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 8. There will be no cover charge.

Section 8 is a six-man band that plays a wide array of popular music from rock, country, blues and oldies that has appeal for all ages. Their influences and idols include Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton, Jet, AC/DC, Bob Seger, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Willy Nelson and Toby Keith. Section 8's favorite song to perform is "Surfin' Bird" and "Save a Horse, Ride a Cowboy," which was a crowd favorite.

Section 8 has six members: Matt "Pretty Boy" Main on drums, Jerid "JJ" Stoner on acoustic guitar, Jeremy "JD" Drinkman and Chris "Choad" Main on guitar, Brad "Mort" Mortel on bass guitar, Philip "Philly Dog" Mounce on keyboard and occasionally harmonica and tambourine, and Brent "Mixer Jimmy" Voeltz on the mixer.

The band played their first gig New Year's Eve 2003 and

since then Section 8 has performed at numerous events all around western Wisconsin.

When the band was formed, the members had never been in a real band before. Matt Main had played in a marching band and also had been in a high school garage band with his brother Chris. Jerid Stone and Jeremy Drinkman had been playing at open mic in Boyceville, Wis. when Main asked them if they wanted to be in a band. Mortel had never played bass before he joined the band but caught on quickly.

Mounce started playing keyboard when he got one for Christmas a few years ago, and his talent was also recruited. Then Section 8 was born. The band practices once per week and during the summer tries to learn one new song between each gig.

The naming of the band is quite an interesting story, as told by Main. One of his good friends, a University of Wisconsin-Stout alumnus, would wear a jock strap around his head and run around calling himself Section 8.

Section 8 refers to military discharge from the United States military for being deemed mentally unfit. The term Section 8 was made popular by the TV show, "M*A*S*H," where for many years character Max Klinger attempts to get a Section 8 by wearing women's clothing in order to get out of the service during the Korean War.

Not only does Section 8 play great covers, but they also have a few of their own tunes: "Evil Eyed Woman" and "Good Time Tonight."

"Good Time Tonight" was written by Stoner but is not currently in their set. "Evil Eyed Woman" is based on a poem written by a friend of the band. Chris wrote the guitar riff for it, and the rest of the band contributed to the rest.

Lacey Choven will also be appearing with Section 8 and will be performing "Jackson" by Johnny Cash and June Carter Cash, and "When will I be loved" by Linda Ronstadt.

More information about Section 8 can be found on their Web site at www.section8.info.



Ashley Smolen
Food Columnist

The square root of pie

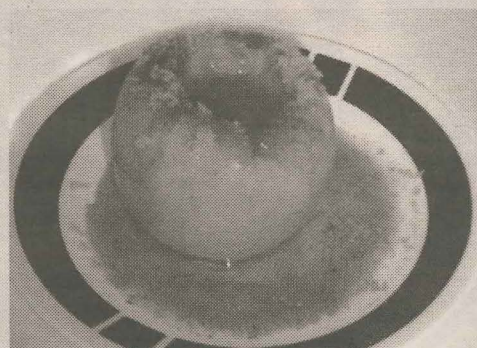
There is something in the air this time of year. Chilly days and hopes of snow remind students and faculty alike that the holiday season is indeed here. With it comes the promise of the much awaited end of the semester, and even better, holiday break. As the air cools and brains struggle to focus on the here-and-now of classes and work,

taste buds too are craving a change.

Mother Nature has the outside world slowing down. In fact, many animals are on a quest to hibernate. Much like the animals outside, humans too switch to a "hibernation" mode. With winter comes cravings for what many know to be "comfort food." Rich, warm flavors and somewhat heavy foods, such as potatoes, sauces and gravies become staple items during these wintery months.

To coincide with the desire for warm flavors and home-cooked comfort, this week's recipe is a delectable dessert that is a derivative of apple pie. Few things can compete with the taste of freshly baked pie. A simple dish such as this is sure to bring a smile to faces and stomachs alike as the final push toward the end of the semester is made.

Microwaveable Apple Pie



You will need:

- A microwave-safe bowl
- An apple corer (not entirely necessary, but helpful)
- Sharp knife
- 1 medium apple
- Ground cinnamon
- ½ Tablespoons butter or margarine
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar

Directions:

- 1) Wash apple
- 2) Make a shallow cut in the skin completely around apple, one inch from the bottom.
- 3) Use corer or sharp knife to remove the apple core
- 4) Place apple in bowl
- 5) Place 2 tablespoons brown sugar and ½ tablespoon butter or margarine into the core of the apple.
- 6) Sprinkle with cinnamon.
- 7) Microwave for 2-3 minutes until apple is soft.

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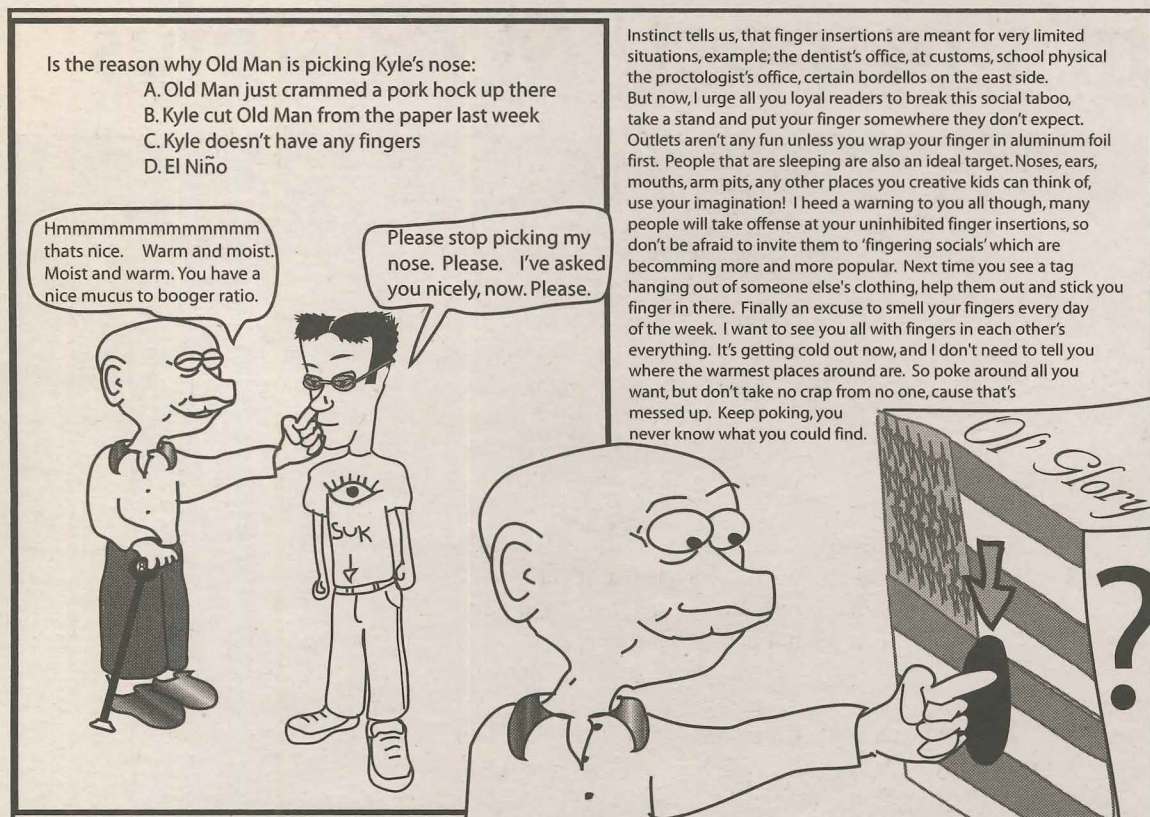
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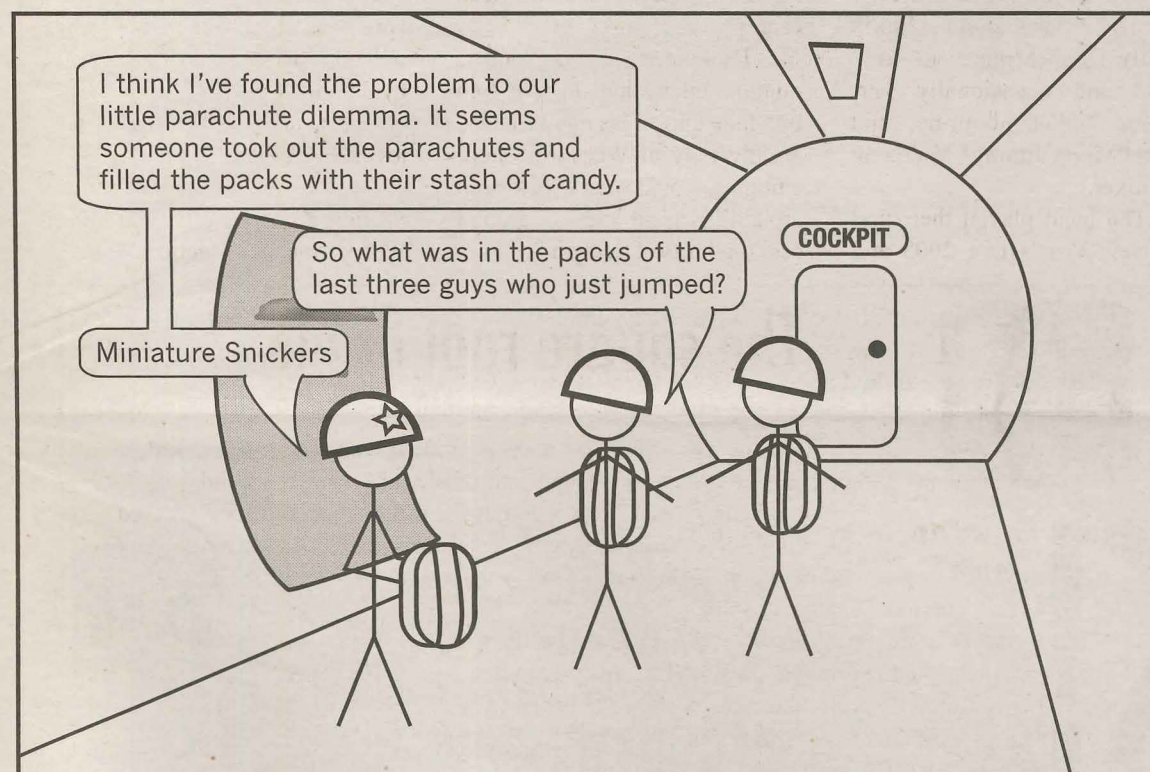
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Rindahl earns team's respect, MVP status



Casey Nold

Sports Editor

Senior Katelynn Rindahl from Cambridge, Wis., a human development and family studies major, has been named most valuable player by the soccer team.

Looking back on her four years at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, Rindahl said that her favorite memory on the soccer team was their victory against the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point her sophomore year.

"It was raining and we were down 0-2, but we came back and won 4-2," said Rindahl. "It was the best feeling and I can't put that emotion that was going through our team into words."

This year Rindahl recorded two assists, but her only UW-Stout goal was scored in 2003.

She has started all but one game since her time at UW-Stout and recorded assists every year except one.

This was the first year of a



Katelynn Rindahl

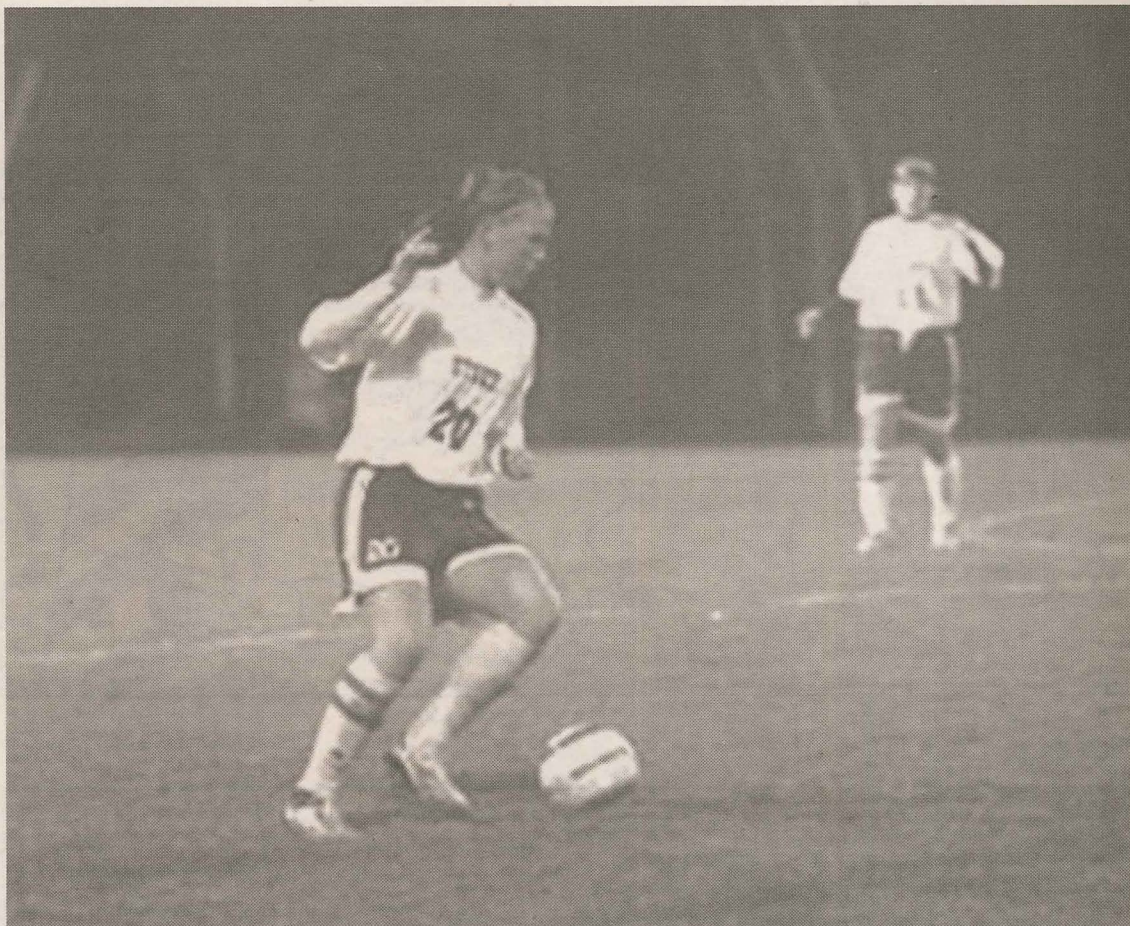
new soccer system at UW-Stout with new coaches and a chance to improve the team.

She only got to see one year of this new program and helped in the development.

"I feel that I worked very hard and gave my best at practices and games, and I hope that my teammates saw that and will continue to work hard and do their best," said Rindahl.

Rindahl said that she feels that coach Meagan Frank and assistant coach Mauricio Basurto will do a good job improving this program and making it one of the best in the WIAC.

She hopes to keep soccer in her life by playing on an indoor team or possibly coaching a



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Katelynn Rindahl was named soccer MVP by her team. She helped introduce a new coach and a new system of soccer to her young team and was a leader for them during her last year at UW-Stout.

high school or lower-level team.

"It was amazing being awarded MVP by my teammates," said Rindahl. "I had no idea that I would get it. I was

shocked and so flattered. I feel it is the highest honor and thank everyone.

"I love my teammates, they are like a second family to me.

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Hockey team's hard work earns high marks, victories

By Casey Nold
Sports Editor

With one loss, two ties and eight wins, the University of Wisconsin-Stout hockey team is blazing through their season. Coach Terry Watkins is pleased that the team is doing so well.

"We are beating some good teams," said Watkins. "We had a great group of kids coming in and great recruiting. We had weaknesses and the players are filling these weaknesses."

UW-Stout is ranked ninth out of 100 teams in the best Division III league in the nation. Four of the top 10 teams in the nation are in this league. With UW-Stout ranked at ninth, it will be interesting to see what they will do when the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association playoffs start in February.

Even though the team has a great record, Watkins said that they can always get better. There are still some tough teams to be played on the hockey schedule.

Friday they take on the fifth-ranked team, the University of Wisconsin-Superior, and later they will play the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, who are the last team on their roster and third-ranked.



Contributed photograph/Layne Pitt

Coach Watkins is pleased with how the team is doing this far in the season. They have beaten the number-one team, St. Norbert College and have yet to play the fifth-ranked team, UW-Superior, and the third-ranked team, UW-River Falls.

"There are no easy teams right now, we have no nights off," said Watkins. "We have won a lot of games, but some only by one or two goals. When you are playing well everyone wants to come and knock you off and we are playing well

right now so it's that kind of competition."

The secret recipe to the success the hockey team has seen so far is the fact that they only graduated four players from last year's team, the new recruits are also very good, and everyone

works hard during both practice and the games.

"This is a group of kids that understand what it takes to be successful," said Watkins. "You can come to practice to practice or you can come to work hard. They bust

their butts and that is the difference."

The UW-Stout hockey team hosts UW-Superior this Friday at 7:30 p.m.



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1 1	333 1/2 Main Street #1	\$420	n/a	Inc. heat, WSG, downtown location	A
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2 1	1218 9th Street	\$350	\$175	gas heat, lower duplex, great location	D
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3 1	921 Main Street #3	\$600	\$200	Good location, parking, economical	4
3 1	414 12th Avenue West	\$630	\$210	very large, garage storage	D
3 1	802 6th Avenue #4	\$675	\$225	utilities included, parking	A
3 1.5	414 14th Avenue West	\$700	\$233	modern, high eff. Gas heat, washer/dryer, office/den	8
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4 1	321 13th Avenue West	\$660	\$165	Super location, washer/dryer	H
4 1	921 Main Street #1	\$700	\$175	good location, economical	4
4 1	309 14th Avenue West	\$700	\$175	WD good location, gas heat	H
4 2	1509 South Broadway	\$800	\$200	lrg. House, nice location	H
4 1.5	414 14th Avenue West #2	\$800	\$200	modern, high eff. Gas heat, W/D a/c	8
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4 1.5	414 14th Avenue West #6	\$800	\$200	modern, high eff. Gas heat, W/D a/c	8
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4 1	1216 6th Street	\$800	\$200	gas heat across from campus	H
4 1	1600 10th Street	\$850	\$213	great house W/D hook-ups	H
4 2	1515 6th Street	\$900	\$225	spacious, close to campus, washer/dryer	D
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5 2	1115 17th Avenue East	\$875	\$175	very lrg. Rooms W/D hook-up, newly remodeled	H
5 2	1521 8th Street	\$850	\$170	washer/dryer great location	H
5 2	1403 6th Street	\$900	\$180	good location, lots of parking, huge rooms	H
5 2	607 13th Avenue East	\$950	\$190	huge rooms, location, parking washer/dryer	H
5 2	2006 5th Street #A	\$950	\$190	washer/dryer very large, parking	3
5 1.5	1107 2nd Street West	\$1,000	\$200	good layout/close to campus, washer/dryer	H
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5 2	1208 9th Street	\$1,175	\$235	Remodeled! 2 car garage, great house close to campus	H
5 2	121 13th Avenue West	\$1,100	\$220	large, super location, Washer/dryer	D
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6 2	221 12th Avenue	\$900	\$150	Big house, close to campus, off street parking	H
7 2	220 12th Avenue West	\$1,190	\$170	Great location, washer/dryer/fenced yard	H
7 2	1321 2nd Street West	\$1,365	\$195	large house, 1 blk. from campus washer/dryer	H
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The men's basketball team received their first loss at their home game against UW-Platteville last Wednesday. The six three-point shots in the second half of the game gave UW-Platteville a large lead, leaving UW-Stout in the dust.

Next game:
Sat., Dec. 9 hosting UW-Oshkosh



HOCKEY (8-1-2)

FINAL 5-2

The hockey team took a victory over Lake Forrest College. Lake Forrest College started the game with the first goal and UW-Stout answered back with five in a row.

Next Game:
Fri., Dec. 8 hosting UW-Superior



WOMEN'S B-BALL (6-1)

82-62

The women's basketball team bounced back from a UW-Eau Claire loss and won 83-67 at UW-Platteville. The UW-Eau Claire loss dropped the team in the national polls, but they still remain in the top 10. UW-Stout scored 23 points in the second half to pull off the UW-Platteville victory.

Next Game:
Sat., Dec. 9 hosting UW-Oshkosh



A hell of a lot more than just figure eights



Josh Parshley
Sports Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout figure skating club has hit the ice at the Dunn County Ice Arena. The 16-member team is getting ready for their upcoming performances.

"I created the figure skating club last year," said President Jessica Frank, a senior graphic design major. She said she wanted to create the club because there was nothing for the ice skaters here. She described how the club is like synchronized swimming, in which a team performs a routine together, incorporating formations and footwork.

The club works hard during their practice nights. They practice the routine that they will perform at competitions and shows. The routine that the team uses was created by Frank, with the help of the club's adviser, Heidi Strosahl, a UW-Stout graduate. The team is self-coached which allows members of the club to give their input and have their thoughts heard.

"Sometimes we will have flashback days, where we will wear our old costumes to practice just for fun," said Frank.

While the team does work hard, they still want to have some fun. The club bonds well at their practices and has even gone to some hockey games together to skate during the free-skate period.

The team likes to be able to work on their routine for half of the practice and have free-skate time at the end. The team encourages improvement and the free-skate period gives members time to display it.

The club is preparing their routine right now for a competition they will attend in two weeks. The Maplewood Synchronized Skating Classic will take place in Minneapolis, Minn. on Dec. 17. The club will also be displaying their new dresses, which arrived just this week.

They also plan to compete in two other events next semester, as well as put on two shows themselves. Their first show will be in Menomonie on March 9 where they will be performing at the Dunn County Ice Arena at 8 p.m.

The team's routine will be performed to the song "Classical Graffiti," by The Planets. The routine being performed will contain a variety of elements: block, circle, intersection, line, wheel and artistic elements.

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The figure skating club is working on their routine for their upcoming event, The Maplewood Synchronized Skating Classic. They will also be showing off their new dresses at the competition.

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The figure skating club meets on Tuesday nights at 9 p.m. and is open to anyone who wants to join and can perform the routine.

More information about the club and its events can be found on their Web site at <http://www.uwstout.edu/student/fsc>.

ATHLETE Week

THE FACTS: Women's cross country: A junior hailing from La Crosse, Wis. Krista Jahimiak is the UW-Stout athlete of the week.

Jahimiak was named the most valuable runner by the cross country team for the second consecutive year. She placed 25th at the NCAA III Midwest Regionals.



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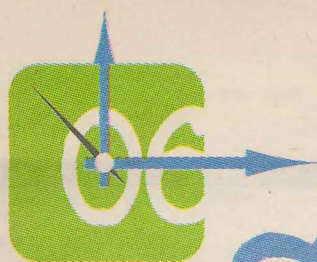
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Benefit set for dearly missed Ryan



Jason Harsh/Stoutonia

Chuck Wilke, owner of the Off Broadway bar, was not only Ryan Cuturia's boss, but also his friend. Wilke and Ryan's co-workers have set up a benefit in memory of Cuturia.

By Tracy Considine
News Editor

On Monday, Dec. 4, 26-year-old Ryan A. Cuturia was found dead of unknown causes in his home on Broadway.

The staff of Off Broadway, the bar where Cuturia worked, all have fond memories of their friend Ryan. Two of Cuturia's co-workers were also his roommates.

"He worked with us and he was a friend of all of us," said Chuck Wilke, Cuturia's boss and owner of Off Broadway.

In response to his untimely death, the employees of Off Broadway have decided to hold a benefit in Cuturia's honor.

The benefit will be held on Friday, Dec. 15 from 8 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.

The benefit will include a

raffle with many prizes, which were all donated by businesses and members of the Menomonie community.

"There has not been anyone that we have called that has not been able to donate to Ryan's benefit," said Wilke. "Even if they couldn't donate right away, the people we talked to said that they would talk to their managers and make sure that they were able to give something. We are very appreciative of everything the community has done to support the benefit."

All of the proceeds go to a scholarship for high school students of Glenwood City, Wis., which is where Cuturia graduated. The scholarship will be exclusively for students who wish to come to the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

Outdoor scholarship

By Jenny Stabenow
News Writer

Four University of Wisconsin-Stout students received money from the Outdoor Risk Management scholarship fund this year. Josh Smeltzer, Kelly Seawell, Karl Zachmann and Justin Dall'Osto all received what the organization likes to refer to as a "registration fee waiver," rather than a scholarship.

The program was designed to help pay for an outdoor recreation safety and skills certification for UW-Stout students.

The certification is not classified as a credit, therefore financial assistance is not available for those in need.

To be awarded the scholarship, several steps must be taken during the application process. Students must not only fill out a written application but also submit a written statement, be reviewed by a board, have an interview and complete 24 hours

of service to show how the applicant will utilize the certification.

The goal of an outdoor recreation safety and skills certification is to be able to enhance the safety on wilderness trips.

"The ORM scholarship helps minimize risk associated with wilderness trips affiliated with the university," said Jeff Keenan, the president of the scholarship foundation.

"From the Outdoor Risk Management scholarship I was able to complete a Wilderness First Responder Course through the National Outdoor Leadership School's Wilderness Medical Institute," said a recipient of last year's scholarship. "I now feel more confident in organizing some of UW-Stout's Alfresco Outing Club trips.

This is the second year money has been rewarded, with \$1,000 being distributed.

However, next year the Outdoor Risk Management scholarship will not have money to distribute.

Santa at Stout gives Littles big smiles



Jason Harsh/Stoutonia

Little Brothers and Little Sisters of Dunn and Eau Claire counties got an early visit from Santa on Wednesday night. Over 20 Greeks from the Inter Fraternal Council and other UW-Stout students held a holiday party for their Little Brothers and Sisters. Kristine Schores, Gamma Sigma Sigma, and Goeff Albrecht, Sigma Tau Gamma, coordinated the party. They said it was a good service opportunity and a great time for both the Bigs and the Littles. The kids got a chance to work with the students on a variety of holiday crafts, including decorating cookies, frames and making decorations. To top off the evening, Santa Claus, above, who pays a stunning resemblance to David Anderson, Sigma Tau Gamma, joined the Littles to pass out backpacks filled with goodies.

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Scholarship opportunities

By Candice Maier
News writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout Foundation offers numerous scholarships for both undergraduate and graduate students each year. The next deadline for applications is quickly approaching.

Though it is tempting for students to begin slacking toward the end of the semester, students may find it beneficial in the long run to take advantage of scholarship opportunities.

Students can start applying for scholarships for the 2007-2008 school year. UW-Stout's Foundation scholarships total more than \$500,000. These generous funds

are contributed by alumni, friends, parents, faculty, campus organizations, other UW-Stout staff, foundations and corporations.

These types of opportunities are sometimes dismissed by students who do not qualify for financial aid. The good news is that the scholarships are not exclusively based on financial need. Students who do not qualify for financial aid still have the opportunity to receive numerous scholarships. All students are eligible.

Factors that will be considered for the awarded scholarships are academic performance, extra-curricular activity participation, letters of recom-

mendation, community involvement, professional organization participation, and completion of application.

All scholarship applications are due by Feb. 15, 2007. Applications can be turned in to the Foundation office at the Louis Smith Tainter House. The scholarship committee will review applications and select recipients in the spring. Students receiving scholarships will be notified by May 1, 2007. Recipients will be required to attend a ceremony in September.

For more information, contact the Louis Smith Tainter House at (715) 232-1320 or e-mail smithc@uwstout.edu.

NEWS for the college attention span

World's oldest person died

Elizabeth Bolden died early Monday at the age of 116. She was considered the world's oldest person by the Guinness World Records. She was born on Aug. 15, 1890. She suffered a stroke in 2004 and spoke little after that, sleeping most of her days.

Christmas trees in airport

The Seattle-Tacoma International airport was forced to remove all Christmas trees from airline counters. A Frontier Airline employee had bought several little trees for the counters, but when a rabbi requested a Jewish menorah to be added to the collection, the airline decided to remove any religious holiday artifacts. A spokesperson said that

if they allowed the menorah, then people of other religions would want to be represented as well.

Infant taken at knife point

A family from Brazil was brought illegally into the United States by smugglers but failed to pay them in full. Their month-old infant boy and the woman were taken as ransom instead. The mother was let go, but the smugglers kept the infant at knife point.

Taco John's customers sick

Almost three dozen people fell ill and 14 were hospitalized after eating at a Taco John's restaurant in Cedar Falls, Iowa. The symptoms were consistent with an infection by the E. coli bacteria. The restaurant has removed

any suspected ingredients from its menu and has sanitized the facility in an effort to prevent further outbreaks of the bacteria.

California takes the cheese

California will become the nation's top cheese producer by early next year. However, some Wisconsinites say quality is more important than quantity. Last year, California produced 2.1 billion pounds of cheese, while Wisconsin produced 2.4 billion. Wisconsin also has about 600 varieties of cheese, whereas California only has about 250. Governor Jim Doyle is determined to keep Wisconsin's reputation as the "cheese-head" of the country.



Citations Issued Dec. 4 through Dec. 10

UAD 1st: 5
UAD 2nd: 1
Disorderly Conduct/Excessive Noise: 1
Attempted Theft: 1

Graffiti in Harvey Hall

Police were notified that there was racist/anti-Semitic graffiti on the radiator on the first floor of the men's room in Harvey Hall. Drawings, racial epithets and swastikas are among the graffiti found in the bathroom.

Backpack theft

On Wednesday, Dec. 6, a student reported his backpack was stolen from the University of Wisconsin-Stout library. The backpack contained various medications needed by the owner. There were no suspects or witnesses.

Surprise package

A female was shocked when a white male exposed himself to her on Wednesday, Dec. 6. She was walking up the hill towards Fifth Street when the male pulled down his pants to expose his genitals. The female turned around and walked the other way.

I called that one

Two female drivers were fighting for the same spot in lot 24 when it became a heated issue. Both drivers gave each other the finger and one responded by calling the UW-Stout campus police. The other female driver left the scene and the case was closed.

It's going to be a breezy drive

A red Ford Ranger was vandalized in lot 17 on Wednesday, Dec. 6. The passenger side window was broken and a rock was found inside the vehicle. Nothing was missing, but the owner was advised to remove his parking permit and stereo until the window was replaced.

Swimming pool theft

After swimming laps in the Fitness Center, a female noticed her towel, glasses and watch were missing from the table where she had left them. She reported this to the lifeguard, who responded that there was a middle school class visiting and it was possible her things had been taken by mistake. The glasses were found in the fieldhouse, but the rest of her possessions remain missing.

Wilson Ave. parking

During the community-wide Winterdaze parade, held Thursday, Dec. 14, parking will be changed along the parade route.

Students and staff are asked not to park on the road going down to the boat landing at LaPointe Park by JCT Hall. The road will be barricaded, and no vehicles will be allowed on the road until after the fireworks at approximately 8 p.m.

Wilson Avenue is the staging area for the parade. Driveways and parking lots along Wilson Avenue will be closed between

Ninth Street and Third Street after 3 p.m. Vehicles parked in this area will be towed.

Main Street, from Broadway to Fourth Street, will be closed to all traffic at approximately 3:30 p.m. Also, any cars parking on Main Street within the specified blocks will be towed.

Everyone is invited to attend the 2006 Winterdaze parade at 6:30 p.m. The office of Mainstreet of Menomonie extends its apologies for any issues the parking situation may cause. They are hoping for a great community turnout.

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Free tuition proposal comes with strings attached



Staff Editorial The Stoutonia Staff

What if you didn't have to pay anything to go to school here?

No, seriously.

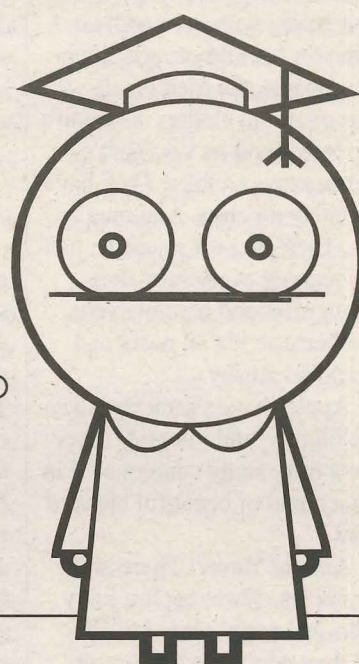
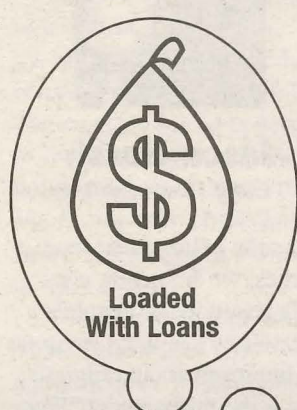
Wisconsin Counties Association's executive director, Mark O'Connell, recently commissioned a radical new proposal to increase the state's economy and higher education: give students free tuition for their college careers in return for agreeing to live in Wisconsin

post-graduation. The students must agree to take up residence and find work here for a minimum of ten years, and if that graduate decides to leave early they will receive a bill for their tuition.

Needless to say, this proposal is a little weird. Although if passed (and who knows when that will be) many more college students will likely boost the economy during their extended stay, questions are arising as to where the money to pay for this drastic idea would come from.

"If you start giving free tuition to say 20,000 students, who say, 'I'll stay in Wisconsin if you pay my tuition,' how much is that going to cost and where is that money going to come from and those are two big questions," said Commission Co-Chair Roger Axtell.

But what exactly do University of Wisconsin-Stout students think about all of this?



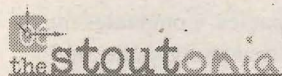
Some students question the proposal, noting certain drawbacks. What if, upon graduation, the student is not able to find a job? This could be a plausible concern if this proposal does go into effect, seeing as in addition to

boosting the economy, there might also be increased inflation, and that means a more competitive job environment.

Students have also been wondering if some students will be able to beat the system by trying to stay in

college as long as they can, which could also be another very realistic possibility.

Either way, one can only speculate on how long this proposal will take to come to fruition, if at all. Let us know what you think.



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Not exactly goodbye...



Matt Schubbe Columnist

It's been steadily creeping up on me for months now. The end of the semester, the end of my college career no less, and I still really don't know what to make of it. But most who know me well enough know that I'm rarely at a loss for words, so I wouldn't want to disappoint them. This is my last article for *The Stoutonia*. It's hard to believe that I've been doing this for four years; it seemed to go by almost too quickly.

But I'm getting sappy, and that's definitely not my style. I'm not here to quote Robert Frost or "Oh the Places You'll Go" by Dr. Seuss or sob into the keys of my computer about how much this place means to me. You don't want to hear all that, do you? I didn't think so.

So what am I going to do with this, my final article, this my last gasp as a college newspaper columnist? I'm going to name my successor of course!

There's going to be a rather large hole in the opinions section of this paper in about a week here, and I've taken it upon myself as my personal duty to find a replacement, or at the very least a reasonable

substitute.

Over the past week I've been conducting hundreds, nay thousands of candidate interviews to try to find the one who can fill my green slip-on shoes. These interviews were open to everyone, no experience necessary, and because of this I've been having some very interesting meetings as of late. Larry King showed up once, but it turned out he was just trying to find the Country Kitchen for the early bird special. Meatloaf passed my strenuous written exam with flying colors, but his obstacle course time was too lackluster. I just couldn't declare him the winner in good conscience. I was milliseconds away from picking Eric Estrada, but he kept mentioning an upcoming CHiPs reunion special, and I just didn't think he was dedicated enough to take on the mantle.

When all was said and done, I didn't end up picking anyone. As the old saying goes, "If you want something done right, you've got to do it yourself." So that's what I decided to do.

Don't ask me how I've done it, but I've dumped a copy of my own consciousness into a sophisticated android who, starting in early January 2007, will be typing all of my articles for me.

So there you have it. I may be graduating, but I'm not gone. I'm just in a robot.

My time "scouting the world"



Theresa Radtke Columnist

I miss my friends across the ocean. I just got off the phone with one of them; we talked for about two hours. My friends live in Germany, and the thing that I miss the most is all the laughs we had and, more importantly, the stories and backgrounds which made us closer than ever. Friendships like the ones I made are highly valued to me, and the way I found them was great, and I want to share it with everybody.

A long time ago during a camp-out of the DPSG-Stamm Lörick in Austria, the idea was born to establish a German-American scout exchange program. No one was taking this idea seriously at first, but nevertheless it developed to "Scouting the World," an international exchange program every two years.

This past summer a group of about 25 Germans came over, and we took them out to New Hampshire to climb on the Great White Mountains of America, commonly known as the Appalachians. For four grueling days we climbed to heights of over 4,000 feet and with every step became closer and smellier.

The camping and hiking was fun, especially when there were mountain storms. Another part I miss about my friends is simply their voices. Does anybody out there know how fun it can be to talk with a person from a different country? On the phone with my friend it was so nice to hear his voice again. We got into a conversation about how to pronounce "squirrel," and he couldn't do it! He completely butchered it, but on the other hand he was having me say some things in German, and in turn I'm sure they were completely wrong too.

Many of the past participants in the Scouting the World program have said that it was the best experience of their lives. Hosting a German person, establishing a meaningful friendship with them in America and then traveling to Germany two years later and visiting them in their home country is very rewarding and exciting. I have learned a great deal about myself as well as the culture and youth of Germany and America.

The best part about being in this exchange program is the travel. In 2008 I will be going to Germany for the summer to camp and hike and eat a lot of good German food. There are a lot of things I could say about this group I'm in, but all I can say is that I miss them a lot and during this time of year, it is best to think of people you love.

Apples to apples



Sam Schuna
Opinions Editor

It's undeniable. Seriously. The evidence is so overwhelmingly in favor of apples, I don't understand how anybody could be so ignorant as to not acknowledge this fact. I mean COME ON.

They win in every possible way. What color are apples? Red. What color are bananas? Yellow. Red > yellow. Therefore apples = better than bananas. Simple.

What else? Bananas can easily bruise. Some might even say they bruise *too* easily.

Plus you have to wait for bananas. You have to be patient for them to ripen. Bananas are like the annoying and selfish ex-girlfriend you stupidly dated

that one time just because you thought she would be easy. You know, the one who made you go shopping with her and then made you wait for several hours on end while she tried on all kinds of stupid clothes that didn't even look good on her. That's what bananas are like. They have absolutely no class. And they're sluts. They peel off so easily, just showing you everything they have to offer and it's not even good because it's all nasty and brown and mushy.

Apples have character. They have dignity, and integrity. They have a firm, shiny coating of skin with a blend of beautiful blended colors.

And the flavor! There are sour apples, sweet apples, juicy apples and many other kinds! And they don't make you wait for them; you can enjoy their delicious goodness immediately after the purchase.

I'm sorry, but apples are just plain better.

Separation of church and holiday fun



Jason Harsh
Chief Photo Editor

As the holiday season approaches, we are nearly constantly reminded of people's dedication to keeping Christmas and Hanukkah about religion. There is the fairly recent "War on Christmas," first touted by conservative politicians on FOX News Channel in 2004, and my recent memory always brings arguments for and against the inclusion of Christmas trees in government buildings and the word "Christmas" in advertisements and in companies.

But what many people fail to realize is that the holidays aren't about religion, they're about giving and receiving presents, being

in good company, and time off.

Think about it. When you think back of fond memories of Christmas or Hanukkah in your childhood, images of a crucified Arab or miraculous oil aren't the first things that come to mind.

Probably more likely are memories of time off of school, opening presents, and spending time with family and friends.

More likely than not there also are symbols associated with these memories (a Christmas tree or a Menorah), but these symbols

are more associated with feelings of holiday cheer than causes of it.

When people get up in arms about wanting their particular symbol in a building, or their religion touted over others, they are destroying the very feeling and atmosphere that that symbol embodies.

They should learn to enjoy the holidays for what they actually are, regardless of what religious agenda they feel compelled to forward.

Support indie game design



Xander Moser
Chief Copy Editor

College students are under a lot of stress. Everyone finds different ways to relieve this stress, but a very common activity is playing video games. Some students take their video game playing more serious than others, but even serious gamers rarely think about the process behind creating these games.

Video games started out being programmed by motivated individuals with too much time on their hands. One of the first systems that people created their own games on was the Commodore 64. When this machine came out, there were no video game company monopolies. Everyone had an equal chance of creating and selling games, although there were no vast Internet resources for people to help people learn the art of video game creation.

Today, 23 years after the release of the Commodore 64, video games are a part of our daily lives. This is more true for some people than others. I am an independent video game developer. I first started designing and programming games when I was in middle school.

When I got into high school, I invested some money into a new programming language and started making a real-time strategy game, or RTS. This is a popular genre of video games which includes StarCraft and WarCraft.

I spent thousands of hours developing, designing, programming and testing this game. I considered it my job, even though I made no money off of it at the time. This is what independent developing is all about: risking everything for the possibility of success. I got huge amounts of positive feedback. I had high hopes.

In my freshman year of college, I got an offer from the company that created the software that I used. I signed the

contract and got the game online with dreams of success running through my head.

I barely made enough money to pay for the software that I used to create the game. Since then, I have signed contracts with two other online video game publishing companies. Companies may be interested in my game, but customers seemingly aren't. Neither of these two companies has sold a single copy of my game.

All of this proves one thing: It takes more than a lot of spare time to successfully create and market a video game. It takes dough. And that is something that I lack. I displayed my game on forums all over the internet but with no results.

Almost all popular video games are developed and published by huge companies such as Electronic Arts or Activision. These companies own so much of the market that they do not have to take risks in order to make money. Most new games are rehashes of old games with flashy graphics. However, independent developers must use their ingenuity and original ideas to create games that capture players' imaginations and breathe new life into the video game industry.

A new Web site that is bringing indie games to the masses is www.manifestogames.com. Manifesto Games is a company created by Greg Costikyan and Johnny L. Wilson, both of whom have many years of experience in the corporate video game industry. They are now coming together to help independent video game developers like me get some much deserved attention.

With Web sites like this, hopefully it won't be too long before new and creative ideas find their way into the video games that you play. There is something that you can do to help this process along: support independent video game developers.

With the money that you spend on one lackluster new video game, you could buy two or three innovative indie games and at the same time be helping out poor game developers like me.

Ask Zombie Socrates.



Zombie Socrates
Philosopher and Advice Columnist

Hey, kids, it's me: *Zombie Socrates*. I'm back from the dead and in *Menomnie* for the time being, so I thought I could do my part for society by giving advice to you young whippersnappers and answer any questions you might have about the meaning of life, truth, justice, girlfriend/boyfriend squabbles or anything in between. The shop is open, so ask away!

Dear Zombie Socrates,
Why is it that if you are nice to a guy they assume you like them?

Sincerely,
Bothered by Boys

Dear Bothered,
My guess is they are just lonely. Not all guys are like this, and they don't have to be lonely, but this is the case most of the time. Guys that really do have this problem also probably go crazy about girls that are nice to them because girls probably aren't overly nice to them most of the time. They might also just be socially uncomfortable as well, so when a girl displays a kind smile or accepting gesture they might latch onto that warm feeling and mistake it for affection. If you want to lose somebody in particular who seems to be latching on to you in this manner, distance helps. Just keep your distance from this person if you

can and try to avoid conversation. If this method seems too cold-hearted to you, then simply let them know your feelings in a kind but straightforward manner.

Dear Zombie Socrates,
Where's Jason?
Sincerely,
Looking for Jason

Dear Looking,
I just saw him walking down the hall to the left in the Memorial Student Center. But I'm assuming he's moved again by the time you're reading this, so I would not suggest looking there. Unless he, like, lives there or something. I did actually see a sleeping bag over there and a dirty bag of Swedish Fish, so it might not be a bad idea to search the premises.

Dear Zombocrates,
What is the etymology of the word 'broadway'? Does it have to do with broads? And/or a Way?

Sincerely,
Jennifer

Technically, there is no etymology. The term is just derived from the name of the street in New York City and then from the cinema in New York City, named after the street. But yes, it secretly has to do with a broad who, after much training, has mastered *The Way* and thus was able to conquer Broadway. Or so they say.

Dear Zombie Socrates,
Why am I the only Bosnian on campus?
Sincerely,
The Bosnian

Because, sir, you're all the Bosnianness we could ever need all by yourself.

Dear Zombie Socrates,
How are things in the after-life?
Sincerely,
Just Wondering

Dear Wondering,
Things are pretty good all up in here, I guess. There's free bingo on not only Wednesdays, but Tuesdays AND Fridays, too. So that's pretty good, I guess. Plus I get a special discount at the Afterlife Grocery Store since I suffer emotional trauma from being killed by hemlock. That's another nice thing, too: all fecal matter smells like strawberries. I don't know why this is, but it's actually very nice to smell a strawberry aroma instead of poo smell now. Plus I don't ever have to do math anymore, which is nice. Oh yeah, and there are dinosaurs here. I like riding on the backs of the brachiosaurs sometimes; it's actually very relaxing.

In fact the only complaint I have is there are no pool tables here. Weird. I mean it would be nice to play pool once in awhile, but no! If I want to play a nice game of billiards I have to come down here, to the mortal world. Oh yeah, and we can fly if we want to. And breathe underwater. Hell, being dead is pretty good. So yeah, that's pretty much how things are in here.

If you have any questions you would like to ask me, simply send them to stoutonia@uwstout.edu, and be sure to include *Zombie Socrates* in the subject header!

Community

Thursday, Dec. 14

- Applied Science Guest Speaker Series: Part Deux – From NASA: Matt Deyo-Svendsen. 11:15 a.m. Room 141, Jarvis Hall, Science Wing
- Grant Tracey, author of “Playing Mac: A Novella in Two Acts and Other Scenes,” reads work at Furlong Gallery. 4:30 p.m. Furlong Gallery, Applied Arts
- 2006 Winterdaze Evening Parade. 6:30 p.m. Fireworks at 8 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 15

- Last day of fall semester classes.
- Retirement Reception for Dean Judy Jax. 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Second Floor Atrium, Home Economics
- Art and Design Senior Show. 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Throughout Applied Arts

Saturday, Dec. 16

- Winter Commencement Ceremony. 9:30 a.m. Johnson Fieldhouse
- Graduation Buffet 2006. 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Following Ceremony. Great Hall, MSC

Sunday, Dec. 17

- Midnight Breakfast. 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. Commons and Tainter Dining Halls

Monday, Dec. 18

- Evaluation Week Begins

Thursday, Dec. 21

- Public Sale for UW-Stout Surplus Property. 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Bids awarded at 2:30 p.m. 817 S. Broadway, Room 146, UW-Stout Surplus Property

Friday, Dec. 22

- Evaluation Week Ends

January 2 – January 21

- WinTerM classes

January 22

- Classes Resume. Beginning of 2nd Semester

Entertainment

Thursday, Dec. 14

- Blue Devil Productions presents Event: Open Mic. 7 p.m. Rec Center, MSC

Friday, Dec. 15

- 2nd Annual “Hope for the Holidays” Benefit Concert. \$5. Must be 21 or older. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the concert begins at 7 p.m. Stone’s Throw, Eau Claire

Monday, Dec. 18

- Songs of the Season at Eau Claire Memorial High School featuring “Messiah” selections. 7:30 p.m. Eau Claire Memorial High School Auditorium

Athletics

Saturday, Dec. 16

- Women’s Basketball @ Finlandia University. 3 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 21

- Men’s Basketball vs. Buena Vista @ D3 Desert Shootout, Las Vegas, Nev. 5:45 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 22

- Men’s Basketball vs. St. Joseph’s or SUNY-IT @ D3 Desert Shootout, Las Vegas, Nev. 3:30 p.m. / 5:45 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 28

- Men’s Basketball vs. Jamestown College. 7 p.m.
- Women’s Basketball vs. McMurray @ Southwestern University. 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 29

- Men’s Basketball hosts Jamestown vs. North Central. 1 p.m.
- Women’s Basketball vs. Southwestern or Concordia-Illinois @ Southwestern University. 1 p.m. / 3 p.m.
- Men’s Basketball vs. Viterbo University. 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 3

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Friday, Jan. 5

- Hockey @ Hamline University. 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 6

- Men’s Basketball vs. UW-Stevens Point. 3 p.m.
- Women’s Basketball vs. UW-Stevens Point. 5 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 8

- Gymnastics @ Gustavus Adolphus. 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 9

- Hockey vs. Concordia-Moorhead. 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 10

- Men’s Basketball @ UW-River Falls. 7 p.m.
- Women’s Basketball vs. UW-River Falls. 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 12

- Hockey vs. St. Mary’s. 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 13

- Men’s Basketball @ UW-Whitewater. 3 p.m.
- Women’s Basketball @ UW-Whitewater. 5 p.m.
- Hockey @ St. Thomas. 7 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 14

- Gymnastics @ Northern Illinois University. 2 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 19

- Hockey @ UW-Eau Claire. 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 20

- Men’s Basketball vs. UW-Platteville. 3 p.m.
- Men and Women’s Track and Field Intrasquad Meet. 4 p.m.
- Women’s Basketball vs. UW-Platteville. 5 p.m.
- Hockey @ UW-Stevens Point. 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 24

- Men’s Basketball @ UW-Eau Claire. 7 p.m.

Wilson Place Mansion rich in history

By Stephanie Nichols
Correspondent

Surrounded by furniture reminiscent of a time gone by, the Wilson Place Mansion boasts a rich and colorful past. The mansion has been decorated to depict a traditional Victorian holiday. I recently met with Dave Micek, director of the mansion, and was treated to a private tour of the estate.

Grand in size and unique in style, curiosity is piqued at the sight of this stately mansion. Built by Captain William Wilson in 1859, the Wilson Place has witnessed over a century worth of history as well as three generations of families.

According to the Dunn County Historical Society, Captain Wilson came to Menomonie in 1846, eager to embark upon the lush forest and woodlands that would later form the basis of the area’s infamous logging era.

A prominent figure in society, Wilson founded the city of Menomonie and was also elected as the city’s first mayor and the area’s first senator. He built a cabin alongside the dam where the Xcel Energy building is located today. Wilson and his family lived there for 13 years while he established the lumbering company, Knapp, Stout and Co. Company.

“Wilson recognized the potential the

river provided for the transporting of logs,” said Micek.

With the lumbering era in full swing, Knapp, Stout and Co. Company began to flourish.

“At one point, the lumber company owned and logged one million acres of timberland,” said Micek. This stretched as far north as Rice Lake, Wis. all the way south to St. Louis.

Eventually, Wilson’s cabin became too small for his 11 children. In 1859, Wilson bought 20

acres of land across the river. He then built a larger, colonial style house—the foundation for the Wilson Place Mansion.

house, elaborating on the 17 fireplaces, a third-floor ballroom with springs to enhance the dancing, and a 65 by 95 foot wrap-around porch.

He went on to explain the extensive landscaping the Stout’s embarked upon. They hired Frederick Law Olmstead, arguably one of the world’s most famous architects. Known for his many elaborate buildings and landscaping projects, he designed New

In 2000, the Wilson Place Mansion—built in 1859 by the founder of Menomonie—was established as an educational non-profit historical site.

York’s Central Park.

“For the Stout’s to have contacts with him, they would have had to be very prominent in society,” said Micek.

The early 1920s saw another wave of influence affect the house. Wilson’s grandson, George LaPointe and LaPointe’s wife, Irene, took possession of the mansion.

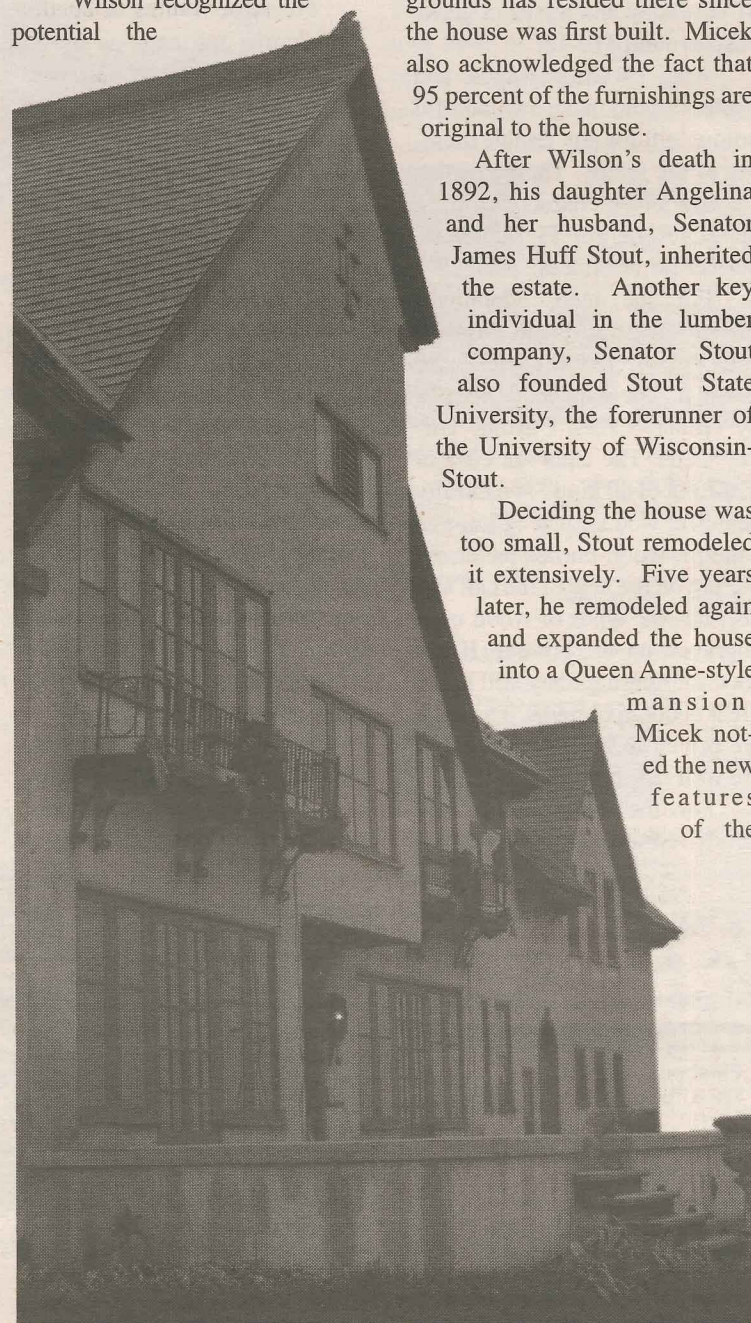
According to the Menomonie Chamber of Commerce, Irene thought the Queen Anne-style was no longer fashionable. She and George tore off two-thirds of the massive house and remodeled it to the Mediterranean-style seen today.

Only 4-feet-9-inches tall, Irene was a beautiful woman with a high sense of style and fashion. She added her own artistic touches when remodeling. Green linoleum was put down in the kitchen—very fashionable during that time—and the roof was painted green. However, it has since been remodeled back to the original copper to remain historically correct to the era.

An influential woman in society, Irene was involved in many of the city’s organizations. She was in charge of the Red Cross and very involved in Girl Scouts.

“Irene loved to skate,” said Micek. “In the winter, the LaPointes would flood an area of land—currently the parking lot adjacent to the health center—and transform it to a skating rink. Frequently, Irene would invite the young Girl Scouts over to enjoy an afternoon of ice skating.”

After George’s death in 1951, Irene lived at the house until 1974. The estate was then sold to John, Jackie and Tim Dotseth. Originally, the Dotseths were planning on turning the home into a senior citizen center. However, upon further consideration, the family decided to purchase the contents and furnishings in the house and created The Wilson Place—a museum for visitors of all ages to enjoy. In 2000, it was established as an educational non-profit historical site—the house’s current status today.



Sam Neumann/Stoutonia

The Wilson Place, a large mansion with a rich history of occupants, is located just north of the Student Health Center on Broadway.

Menomonie offers large selection of affordable gifts



Katie Kenner
Entertainment Writer

If you are looking for last minute gifts, downtown Menomonie offers great stores to consider.

Moonlight over Menomin

Moonlight over Menomin offers an eclectic and exciting mix of gifts for the whole family. Visitors are greeted with a pleasant aroma that will put even the grumpiest grinch in a holiday shopping mood.

The store has a wide array of gifts. Many of the gifts offered are locally made. Pottery made by local artists is offered in plates, cups and coasters.

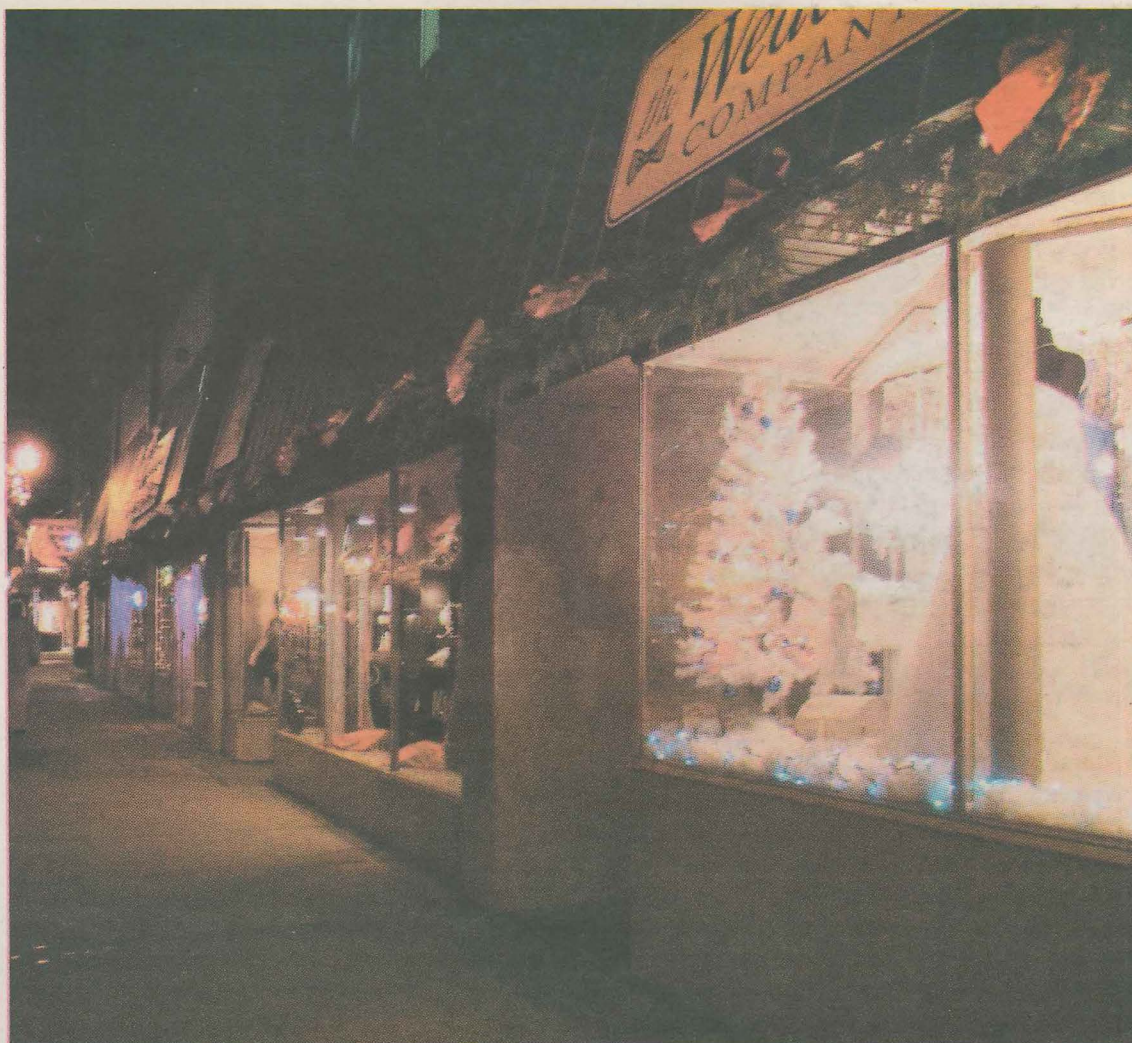
The store even carries custom black candles featuring hands displaying peace symbols or "rock-out" signs.

The most popular item that Moonlight over Menomin sells is the Lolita custom-painted martini glasses. Each glass features a fun theme and a martini recipe printed on the bottom. A favorite among the men is the red panty themed glass. For the significant other there is a French kiss themed glass, and for Christmas there is a naughty Santa featuring Santa smoking and drinking.

For everyday martinis there are chocolate, apple, caramel apple and dirty martini themed glasses. Don't worry about wrapping your glass; they come in an elegant and unique gift box. Glasses run \$20-30. Also made by Lolita are classy wine stoppers, which make great stocking stuffers and cost \$10.

Another wonderful gift idea is soy candles made in Cannon Falls, Minn. starting at \$7 for a small candle to \$14 for a large candle in a jar. These candles feature long burn times and clean, even burning.

SmartWool socks are an increasingly popular product and a great stocking stuffer for everyone. The socks feature a special



Jason Harsh/Stoutonia

Main Street and Broadway offer a wide variety of shops in which to do your last-minute Christmas shopping. There are plenty of items to browse through for that hard-to-shop-for person on your list.

fiber that makes them wearable for any season. The fiber is far different from the itchy wool of yesterday and a pair of socks costs around \$12-15.

Andy Warhol purses and wallets would make a wonderful unique gift for any female member of the family. There are also sterling silver charms featuring many designs for \$5, which are perfect for necklaces.

For the men, Moonlight carries custom-made turkey calls not offered anywhere else in town. They are made locally by Gilbert Creek Custom Turkey Calls. The calls are custom made out of all kinds of naturally beautiful wood. Each call boasts a unique wood-burned pattern or picture on the side of the call and also has the types of wood used engraved on the bottom. If not used for hunting, they still make great decorative items. The calls are priced in the \$75 range but are well worth the money.

For the little one in the family, Moonlight offers qual-

ity bibs, blankets and sleepers, including a light blue outfit with the Blue Devil's logo.

For those hosting or attending a party, fun napkins for \$5 offer creative sayings; one napkin features two mice shaking martinis with the caption, "Not a creature was stirring."

If you are looking for a bargain, Christmas ornaments and décor are on sale this week.

Bookends

Bookends offers not only books but also many interesting gifts. A unique percussion frog by Earth Treasures is made out of wood and has a little drum stick inserted in its mouth. These figurines cost \$20. For the music lover, Putumayo world music CDs are a cross-cultural wonder with compositions from Gypsy, Asian, African, European, Latin, Brazilian, Celtic and other cultures.

Stocking stuffers include "foot notes" for \$5 in the shape of a foot with a magnet on the back for fridge hanging. A minia-

ture Middle Eastern style mouse rug, selling for \$18.95, features an easy-gliding surface.

For the poetic or journal-loving recipient, Bookends offers unique journals starting around \$10. Journals come big and small with mosaic and Asian patterns. A distinctive concept involves Shakespeare, Van Gogh and Mozart journal entries on the cover.

A special offering at Bookends is their selection of local authors including Dick Hoffman and Jay Gilbertson. Book covers are also available in designs including flowers and animals starting at \$10.95.

Legacy Chocolates

For the sweet tooth, Legacy Chocolates offers many varieties of chocolate. A gift basket is offered with six truffles, a ceramic mug and a half pound of coffee for \$19.50. A popular item is Legacy's coffee, which runs \$5.50 for a half pound and \$11 for one pound. Hot chocolate

mix is a favorite for \$7.95. High end truffles are offered at \$1.60 per piece but can be bought in a box of 18 or 27 for \$28 or \$40, respectively. Boxed truffles can be bought online at Legacy Chocolate's Web site or in store and shipped for a flat rate of \$16. However, orders need to be made by Dec. 15 to make it in time for the holidays.

Want something different? Legacy offers chocolate covered espresso beans and cranberries. No matter your chocolate needs, Legacy has you covered.

The University Bookstore

Don't forget on-campus shopping. The bookstore offers many University of Wisconsin-Stout oriented gift items. Sweatshirts are the most popular gift for everyone in the family. Coffee mugs, beer mugs and glasses are also popular. Heavy duty mugs are available for \$8.95. Classic and modern shot glasses or toothpick holders start at \$3.95.

"Just for Mom and Dad" T-shirts are \$16, and "Just for Dad" sweatshirts are \$34. For Dad, the bookstore offers a golf ball set with the UW-Stout logo for \$9.95.

To keep the family warm this Christmas, blankets and throws are \$34 and \$42, respectively. Pillows to go with your UW-Stout blanket are \$24.

For the significant other, "Someone at Stout loves me" plush bears are popular and cost \$14. "Cuddle with someone from Stout" stuffed bears and other animals are \$12.

The bookstore also offers an array of Burt's Beeswax products. A nice gift set of lotion and foot lotion with lip balm runs \$19.99. A soap and balm set with holder is \$29.99. Christmas ornaments have been a hot seller, and there are only a few bulbs left. However, the bookstore has pewter ornaments that offer a classy look for the tree.

Stocking stuffers include pens and animal key chains adorned with UW-Stout shirts for \$4.95. Don't forget the stocking, either; blue and white UW-Stout stockings are \$20, and you can get your UW-Stout Santa hat, too.

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Cocky video game character makes triumphant return



Chris Moellering
Entertainment Writer

It's been 15 years since the first Sonic the Hedgehog game was released for Sega Genesis. Back then, the game was an innovator. It was fast, and it was colorful. Its scenery was detailed, and its main character was an arrogant teenage show-off. It was the cornerstone for Sega and kept the gaming company neck and neck with its rival, Nintendo. Ultimately, Nintendo won. Sega struggled and was forced to quit making gaming systems, but they continued making games and selling them to other companies.

On Dec. 19, 2006, Sonic the Hedgehog will take his first leap into the world of next generation gaming. Sonic will show off his new look and skills in an all new adventure for the first time on the PlayStation 3.

The details of Sonic's new adventure are not yet known, but surely it will have some evil



Source: www.gamespot.com
Sonic the Hedgehog teams up with buddies in his return to the gaming realm. Silver, pictured above, rumpages around with Sonic blowing the pants off of villains with his telekinetic bad assery.

scheme by notorious Dr. Eggman to take over the world, and the only one who can stop him will be Sonic. Sonic will race his way through stages, unlocking pieces of the story and destroying Dr. Eggman's evil plans.

Like other Sonic games, the pesky hedgehog will have friends helping him through the stages. For the first time though,

Sonic will have a friend that is another hedgehog. Sonic will be joined by his pal Silver, who has telekinetic powers. Silver has the ability to hover, which is incredibly helpful when trying to reach platforms that would otherwise be unattainable. With his telekinesis, Silver can stop bullets that are shot at him by his enemies. He also has unbe-

lievable strength, which will be used to pick up wrecked cars to be thrown at those who wish him harm.

Sonic himself got a nice new makeover for the game. It's not a big change, but it was necessary. It seems like Sonic has shed his baby fat. He is taller and sleeker, with longer legs. His spiky blue hair has grown out a bit, giving him a little different look with the same old attitude.

The designers of the new Sonic game found a way of getting back to the original Sonic roots, combining speed and vi-

usually stimulating color with the power of the next generation gaming systems.

Sonic has often been viewed as a children's game. Its story and characters have always appealed to a younger audience. That's not necessarily a bad thing, but Sonic creators wanted to change that image, so the new Sonic game is more realistic and detailed than might be expected. For the first time, Sonic actually exists in a real world.

The designers were careful to take most of the old school elements with them into Sonic's new journey. Of course it wouldn't be a Sonic game without ultra-fast speed to leave the player dizzy. And of course, Sonic has to collect gold rings as he blazes through stages.

As if Sonic isn't fast enough, there are still pinball bumpers that will propel him into a mind-numbing blur. When he's low on health, he'll take a knock off the old red-top power-up pod and be good as new. When Sonic makes it past the ancient ruins, crumbling bridges and flowing waterfalls, he will collect a giant gold ring, marking the end of the stage.

It's funny how the same old game can exist for so long, but like Mario, Pac-Man, and Donkey Kong, Sonic the Hedgehog has paid his dues and earned the right of immortality.



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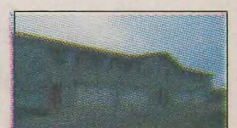
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Computer generated penguins can sing and dance



Jerome Butchee
Entertainment Writer

Located in the chilly tundra of Antarctica, emperor penguins congregate and sing love songs to each other during mating season. Mumble, voiced by Elijah Wood, is born during this love fest, but instead of singing along, Mumble is born a tap-dancer with no singing ability. This becomes a huge controversy to the entire colony of penguins when food shortages are apparently the cause of Mumble's inability to sing along with everyone else. Wandering alone and helpless, Mumble discovers new adelic penguin friends who help uncover a huge mystery.

"Happy Feet" joins the dozens of CGI animal tales that bombarded theaters this year. Many of them rehash each other or are just plain generic, but "Happy Feet" breaks out this glut to bring parents a sense of relief from the same-old, same-old.

All animated animal films



Source: www.rottentomatoes.com

Computer generated movies bring impossible characters to life. "Happy Feet" tells the story of a tuneless misfit penguin who finds his niche tap dancing circles around his musical penguin buddies.

live or die by the voice acting. The singing and timing of jokes could have killed this movie, but the A-list talent makes up for this.

With Elijah Wood, Nicole Kidman and Hugh Jackman playing the lead characters, the one actor that steals the thunder from everyone is the over-the-top Robin Williams. This time doing double duty by voic-

ing the characters Ramon and Lovelace, Williams proves he still has the comedic talent to reach that peak of energy without sounding annoying.

Similar to "A Shark's Tale," cultural and ethnic groups find their ways into "Happy Feet" with the help of voice-acting from Fat Joe. This keeps the humor believable without being offending.

Bringing animals to life is a skill, but making penguins convincingly dance around in Antarctica deserves a pat on the back.

Scenes of these animals singing and dancing everywhere with an actual type of rhythm brings you back to the old Disney cartoon classics.

While the computer animated environments are not life-like, a

certain style flows throughout the movie that blooms with energy.

This movie does not necessarily have a clever storyline, nor is it extremely action packed, but it does measure up to movies like "The Incredibles" in terms of being witty and humorous. One of the best non-holiday movies to see this winter, "Happy Feet" will please most.



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American roots duo plays Menomonie

Katie Kenner
Entertainment Writer

Robin and Linda Williams will be at the Mabel Tainter Theater Friday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$14 for students and senior citizens.

Linda of Anniston, Ala. and Robin of Charlotte, N.C., met in 1971 on a trip to Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Robin's connections in Minneapolis, Minn. as a solo artist brought the duo to the Midwest. There they recorded their self-titled album in 1975 and then made an appearance on a then little-known radio show called "A Prairie Home Companion."

Over the next decade and a half they recorded six more albums and toured the country. The duo teamed up with "A Prairie Home Companion" host Garrison Keillor and bluegrass songstress Kate MacKenzie to form The Hopeful Gospel Quartet in the late '80s. The Quartet released two albums.

In 1989 the Williams signed on with Sugar Hill records where they recorded nine albums under the label. At this time, they teamed up with Their Fine Group on tour.



Source: www.banjoshop.com
Bluegrass/American roots duo Robin and Linda Williams has toured the country and appeared on major programs such as "The Grand Old Opry." They will perform at the Mabel Tainter Theater on Dec. 15.

1993 brought about a major tour with Mary Chapin Carpenter and a talk show based out of Minnesota called "A Prairie Home Companion."

In 1995, the Williams released their first all-gospel CD, "Good News," which earned two nominations for Gospel Album of the Year.

More recently the duo has joined the prominent independent label Red House Records. Red House is the Grammy award-winning label of several major American roots-based singers including Greg Brown,

John Gorka, Lucy Kaplansky, Spider John Koerner and Ramblin' Jack Elliott.

Over three decades as a duo, they recorded 18 albums, not including albums made with side groups along the way.

Robin and Linda have appeared on major programs such as "The Grand Old Opry," "Austin City Limits," "Music City Tonight" and "Mountain Stage," and they continue to make frequent appearances on "A Prairie Home Companion."

How to defeat leftovers

Ashley Smolen
Food Columnist

Boredom strikes at inconvenient times. There is an old saying that states "variety is the spice of life." After a long day, going home to realize that the only dinner options are spaghetti or spaghetti again often yields a long groan and a disgusted sigh of dismay.

Tight budgets leave very little room for variety. There is however, something that can be done. The reinvention of leftovers is alarmingly simple yet rare solution to the hum-drum of budget eating. The lovely thing about cooking is that there are no rules, no requirement, and no right or wrong.

Cheesy Bread Stick Stromboli



You will need:

- A microwave-safe plate
- Leftover cheesy breadsticks
- Ham sandwich meat
- Cheese (any kind will do)

Directions

- 1) Divide the entire quantity of breadsticks in half, but do not separate from one another. (The result should be two big pieces of breadsticks.)
- 2) Place on plate
- 3) Alternate ham and cheese layers on top of breadsticks. (The number of layers is completely dependant on you, and how hungry you are.)
- 4) Leave the two sections separate on plate
- 5) Place plate in the microwave, and cook until cheese is melted, about 30-45 seconds.
- 6) Put the two sections of breadsticks together, like you would a sandwich.
- 7) Slice, eat and enjoy.

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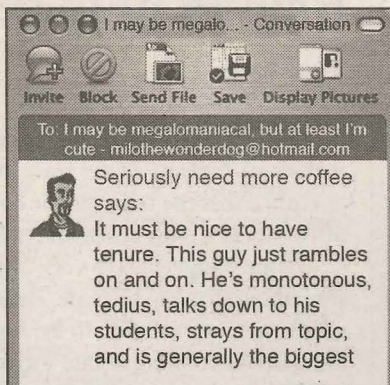
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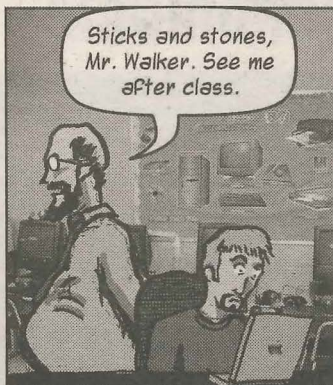
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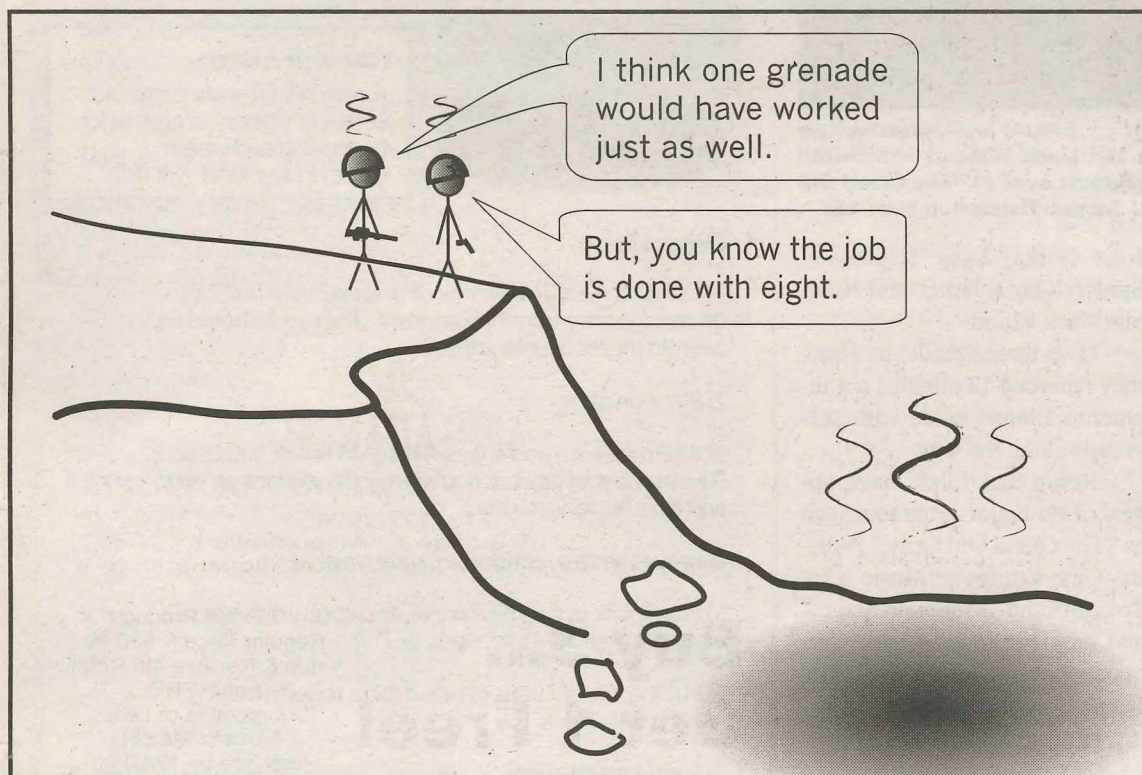


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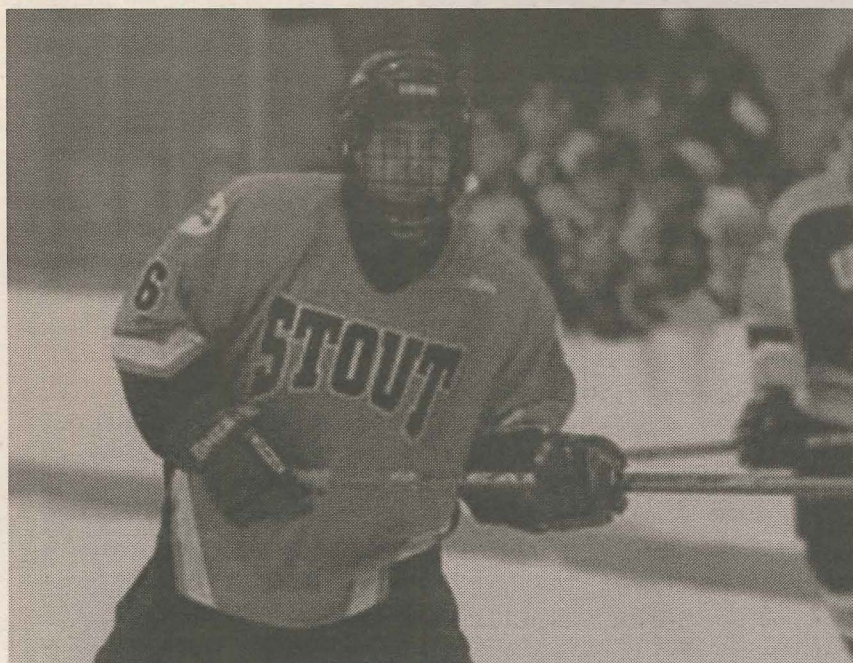
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Stearns makes 1st cut for NCAA Frozen Four Skills Challenge



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Senior Andrew Stearns has made the first round cut for the NCAA Frozen Four Skills Challenge.

By Joshua E. Fox
Sports Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout's Andrew Stearns made the first cut of 89 players for the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association Frozen Four Skills Challenge. The finalists were pared down from an original list of 181 student-athletes who were submitted by their head coaches. From this

list, the selection committee, consisting of NCAA staff members, members of the NCAA Division I men's ice hockey committee, representatives from the American Hockey Coaches Association, Nike Bauer Hockey and the six Division I men's ice hockey conferences, will select the 32 players that will compete in the event. The finalists are from NCAA Division I and III

schools. Stearns is one of only three Division III finalists that were selected.

The Skills Challenge competition will be held in an East vs. West format with each team having six male position players, six female position players, two male goaltenders and two female goaltenders. The competitions will include puck control relay, fastest skater, hardest shot, rapid fire shooting, accuracy shooting and penalty shot. The second annual Skills Challenge will be held

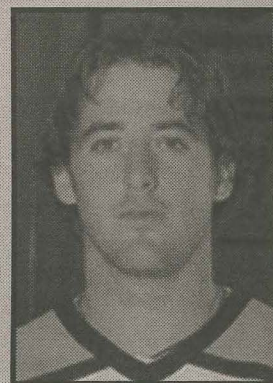
April 6 at the Scottrade Center in St. Louis and will be shown live on ESPNU. The schedule of events for "Friday Night at the Frozen Four" will include the presentation of the Hobey Baker Memorial Award, the presentation of the Hockey Humanitarian Award and the NCAA Frozen Four Skills Challenge.

Stearns has two goals, eight assists, and 33 shots on goals so far this season.

ATHLETE week

THE FACTS: Hockey: A senior hailing from Rochester, Minn., Andy Wiesner was named the player of the week by the NCHA and the WIAC.

Wiesner scored the game-winning goal in overtime against fifth-ranked UW-Superior and had the assist on the game-winning goal the following night against St. Scholastica.



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Last weekend wrap-up of sports

By Joshua E. Fox
Sports Writer

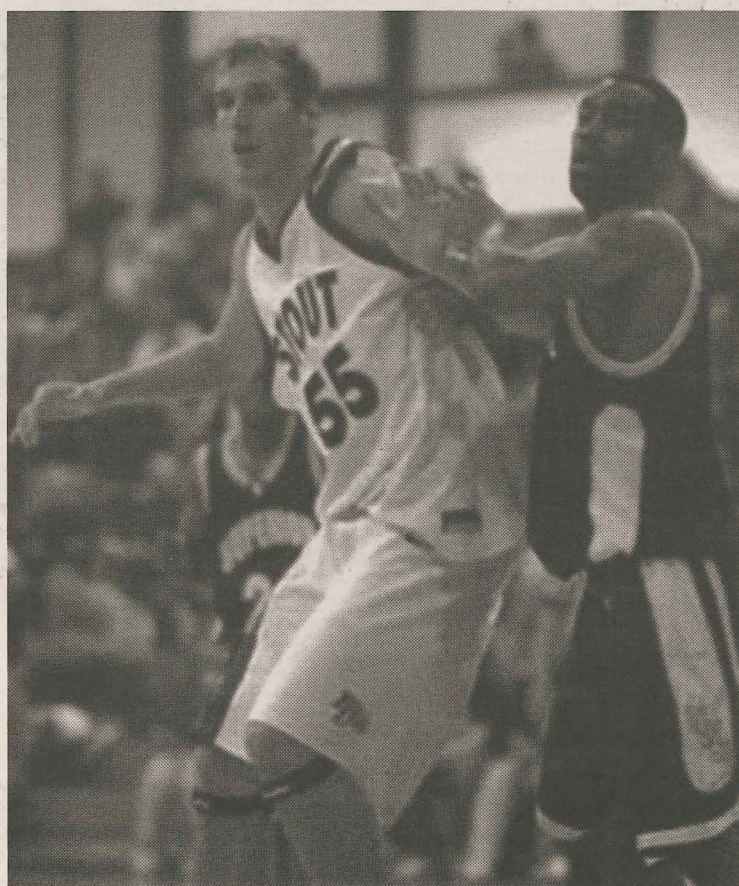
Men's Basketball

The University of Wisconsin-Stout Blue Devils men's basketball team fell to the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Titans 64-50 on Saturday, Dec. 11 at the Johnson Fieldhouse. Jacob Nonemacher's five-game double-double streak came to a halt as he only had ten points and eight rebounds. Jerrel Enersson-Matthews led the Blue Devils with 17 points in the game. The Blue Devils had a hard time covering Titan's 6-foot-7-inch forward Jim Capelle who had a game-high 28 points. The Titans also out-shot the Blue Devils at the free-throw line with 15 of 19 compared to 2 of 5 free throws.

Women's Basketball

The University of Wisconsin-Stout Blue Devil women's basketball team topped the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Titans 61-49 Saturday, Dec. 11 at the Johnson Fieldhouse. Kelsey Duoss led the team with 16 points, eight rebounds and five blocked shots. The Titans kept with the Blue Devils through most of the game coming within five points. The Titans were led by guard Becky Knapp, who had a game-high 22 points. The Blue Devils forced 22 Titan turnovers while only allowing 11.

More weekend sports on the next page.



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Men's basketball took their second loss to UW-Oshkosh last weekend. The team travels to Las Vegas on Dec. 21 and 22 at the D3 Desert Shootout.

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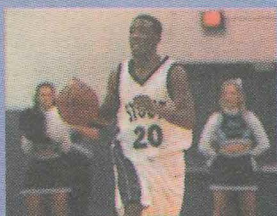
MEN'S B-BALL (6-2)

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The men's basketball team beat Finlandia University Tuesday for their sixth win of the season. Junior Eric Heisler led the team with 13 rebounds, a career high. Jacob Nonemacher had 17 points and Jerrel Emerson-Mathews had 16 points.

Next game:

Thursday and Friday, Dec. 21-22 in Las Vegas, Nev. for the D3 Desert Shootout



HOCKEY (10-1-2)

FINAL 5-2

The hockey team came back from a 3-2 deficit in the second period to win 5-4 over St. Scholastica and moved into first place in the NCHA. UW-Stout advanced into first when UW-Superior defeated UW-River Falls 4-2.

Next Game:

Friday, Jan. 5 at Hamline University



WOMEN'S B-BALL (8-2)

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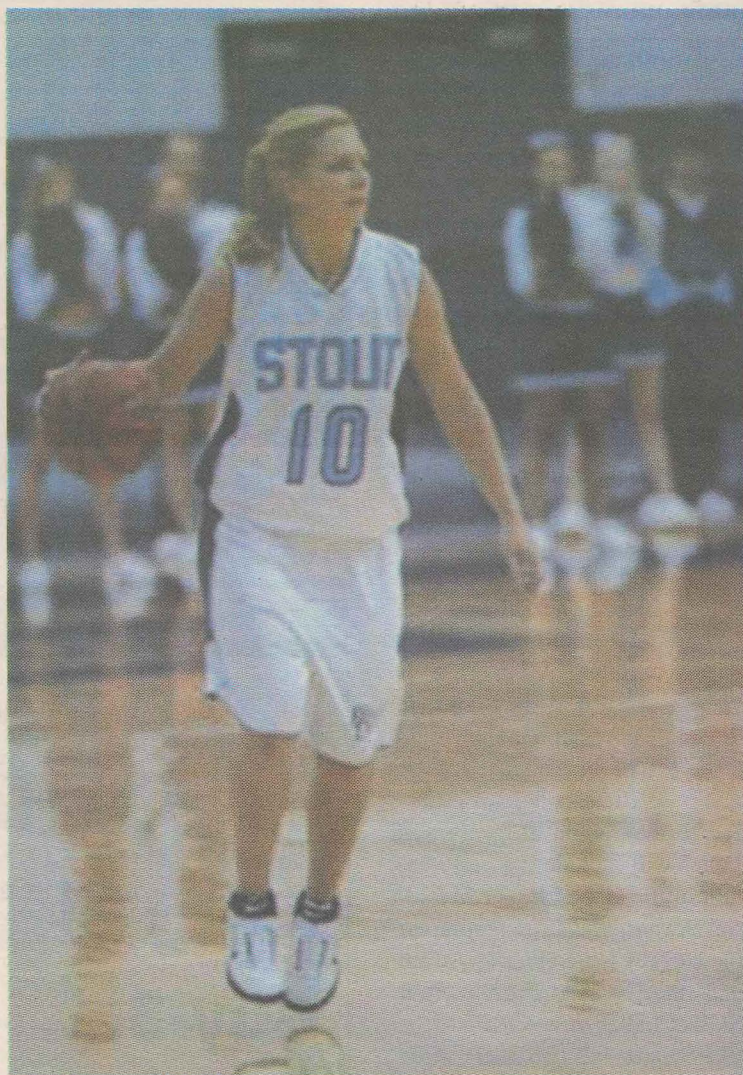
The women's basketball team lost to Division II Minnesota State-Mankato Monday for their second loss of the season. Kelsey Duoss led UW-Stout with 19 points, and Heather Johnson led Mankato with 16 points.

Next Game:

Saturday, Dec. 16 at Finlandia University



Basketball ranked 11



Contributed photograph/Layne Pitt

The women's basketball team is currently ranked 11th in the country with only two losses. They feel they are in a good position.

By Josh Parshley
Sports Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's basketball team is becoming an unstoppable force once again. The team is currently sitting with an 8-2 record and is also tied for first in their conference. The team hit a slight kink this past Monday against Minnesota State-Mankato, but the women are determined to return to their previous form.

The team has been performing pretty well so far. They have been on the road eight out of their 10 games but have not let that get to them. The team is working well together so far and plan to keep up the hard work.

"We have had a good start to the season," said coach Mark Thomas. "The team is playing hard and putting up a great effort." One thing he said the team needed to do was to have their mental intensity match that of their physical intensity.

The team is currently ranked 11th in the country. They feel that they have brought themselves into a good position.

"We are playing well right now," said senior Kelsey Duoss, an apparel design major. She also mentioned that the team wants to win the conference to become the first three-time winner. "The team just needs to keep up the good work."

The team is working hard between games to improve their performance. Coach Thomas is breaking down the offense and defense during practice. He is hitting the defensive fundamen-

tals hard and said that is a key aspect when playing. The team is also revisiting the basic fundamentals of the game. The main goal at practices is for the team to become more consistent when competing.

"Our goal is to take one game at a time because that is all we have control over," said junior Joanna Bird, a service management major. "By taking care of business as many nights as we can, our long-term standings will take care of themselves."

"My number-one goal for the season was for the team to develop a very special chemistry," said coach Thomas. He said

that he believes the team has all the physical prowess needed to compete with any team. He said that he wants the team to work well together and push each other to get better. The team was chosen as a favorite to win the WIAC Championship, and he believes they can contend for it.

The women are heading into Christmas with a very well respected record. The team will be on the road again for another four games and will hit home soil again Saturday, Jan. 6 at 5 p.m. They will be facing off against a WIAC opponent, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

More weekend sports



Contributed photograph/Layne Pitt

The hockey team advances to first place after two consecutive wins and the loss of the third ranked UW-River Falls to UW-Superior.

The ninth-ranked University of Wisconsin-Stout Blue Devils hockey team moved to first place in the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association and the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletics Conference.

Their last two wins, over the University of Wisconsin-Superior on Friday, Dec. 8 and St. Scholastica on Saturday, Dec. 9,

put them into position to move into first place.

The Blue Devils moved into first place after the UW-Superior Yellow Jackets downed the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Falcons 4-2. The UW-Stout hockey team moved into seventh in the nation in the USCHO.com Coaches' Poll.

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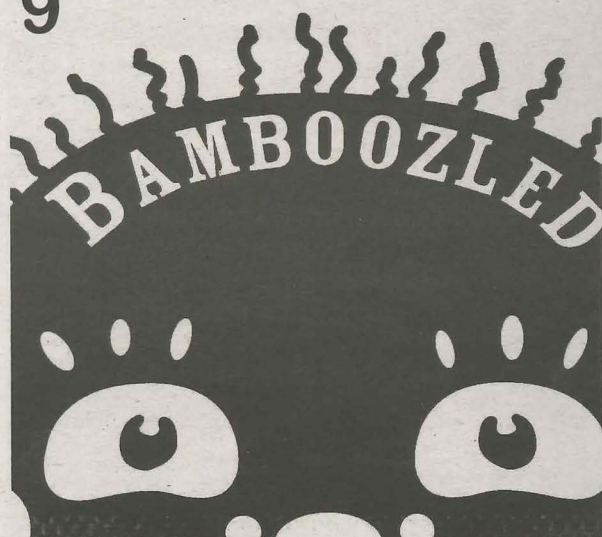
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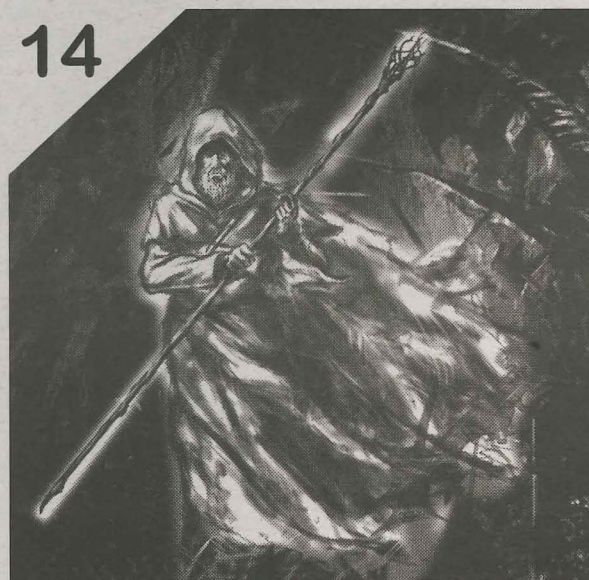
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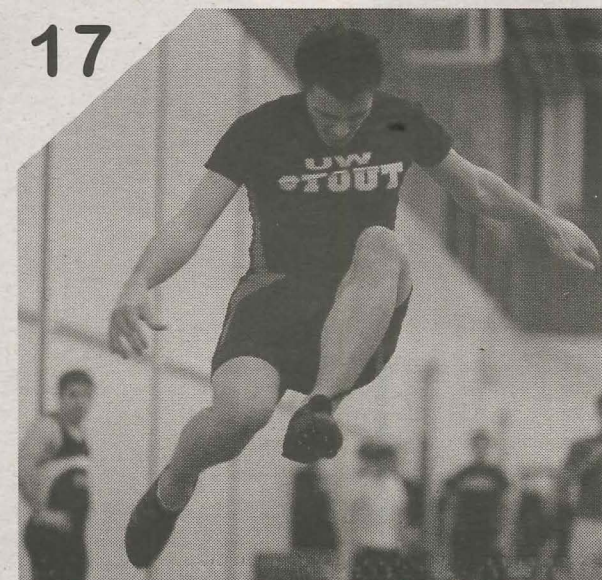
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"Campus groper" suspect out on \$1,000 bond

By Danielle Bleck
Staff Writer

University of Wisconsin-Stout students' personal safety was violated when a man in his early 30s was reported to have approached women, talked to them, then forcefully grabbed and touched them. The man is not a student nor believed to be affiliated with UW-Stout.

UW-Stout Police arrested a man Monday, Jan. 29 in conjunction with reports of a man grabbing female students on the UW-Stout campus, but the suspect was released Jan. 31 when he posted a \$1,000 cash bond.

In one instance, the victim reported an unknown male making contact with her and asked her if she was lost. The two began a conversation and then the male allegedly grabbed the victim and touched her inappropriately. In another report, a male who met the same description approached two other women at different times and locations, then attempted to engage them in conversation. In both of these situations, the male was aggressive when asking for their names, and a date with him. In both instances, the man left the scene. Although these events were reported

by a only a few individuals, others haven't felt as safe on campus the past few days.

"I am a little scared," Jodi Kirslenlohr said. "I mean, what if I've seen this guy before or if I have been around him and not even realized it. What had happened could happen to anyone," Kirslenlohr said. She was happy there was an organized effort to stop this person.

"With everything that everyone is doing it makes me feel a little safer, but in the meantime I just try to avoid situations that could potentially lead to putting me in a bad position," Kirslenlohr said.

Students can take measures to ensure their personal safety and prevent something like this from happening to them. Some advice offered from the University Police Web site www.uwstout.edu/police/viocrim.htm, include protecting yourself by being aware of your surroundings, walking in well lit areas, and not walking alone. They also suggest carrying pepper spray for self-protection or a personal security alarm to alert others if you have trouble. University police also encourage students learn self-defense techniques and let friends know where they are going.

Safety Recommendations

The University of Wisconsin-Stout Campus Police state the conditions of the suspects bond indicate that he should not be on UW-Stout premises, but this does not mean that he will not be in the community. It is important to remain diligent in your safety practice.

The suspect is described as follows:

- Dark brown skinned male
- Late 30s
- Rough hands
- Bad teeth and bad and smoker's breath
- Dark/Black short hair
- About 5'7"
- Medium Build
- At one encounter he indicated he was from Mexico.

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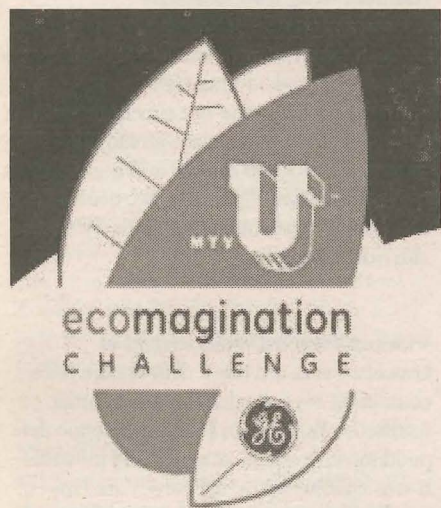
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- Call 9-911 on campus or 911 off campus or from a cell phone.

University Police encourage, as always, travel in well lit areas on campus with another person if possible. Let friends know where you are going.

If you believe you have had contact with this individual, call University Police at 715-232-2222 to speak to an officer.

Inventive, environmental

3 Stout students finalists in national competition



A team of three students from University of Wisconsin-Stout are finalists in a national college competition to invent campus greening projects.

The Ecomagination Challenge, sponsored by mtvU and GE, was created in 2005 to educate students on environmental issues and spur the creativity and innovation necessary to solve them.

Jason Burbank, Tobias Leidke and Tim Parmer, three UW-Stout art students studying industrial design, created a simple and efficient system for composting large quantities

of campus food waste.

The UW-Stout campus produces approximately 53 tons of food waste per year, and the food waste ends up in the Veolia Seven Mile Creek Landfill outside of Eau Claire.

The composting system requires a minimum of energy and labor. No other composting system can handle this amount of food waste with so little energy or labor use.

Challenge judges narrowed more than 100 entries to select its top ten projects. The public now has the opportunity to vote for one project that has the greatest potential environmental impact. Voting ends on March 2, 2007

The UW-Stout entry is competing with other composting projects, biodiesel initiatives, solar powered recycling projects, power plant ideas and other sustainable ideas from universities such as MIT and University of Michigan. The winning school will receive a \$25,000 grant to implement the project and a free campus concert on Earth Day in April.

The judges will announce the winner in March.

To vote, visit
www.ecocollegechallenge.com

Craning it up now to crank it up later



Tony Nelson/Stoutonia

Workers use a crane to place a chilling tower on the roof of the University of Wisconsin-Stout's Physical Plant. The tower is part of an update of UW-Stout's air conditioning system. Installation should be complete by the time the warm weather rolls in.

New passport law goes into effect

By Kate Kenner
Staff Writer

Only one quarter of Americans hold passports, but that's about to change. On Tuesday, Jan. 23 new passport rules took effect. The new regulations were adopted by Congress in 2004 under the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act. As of Jan. 23, everyone traveling by air between the United States, Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean and Bermuda will be required to present a valid passport. Previously, all that was required when traveling between these destinations was a valid driver's license and a birth certificate. As of Jan. 1, 2008 passports will also be needed for entry at sea ports and land borders.

This means if you are a student studying abroad or planning a spring break trip that involves flying, you better have a passport at hand.

The only valid substitutes for a passport as of now are the NEXUS Air card, used by some American and Canadian frequent fliers; identification as a U.S. Coast Guard merchant mariner; or the green card carried by legal permanent residents. Active duty members of the military will be exempt from the passport rule.

Some resorts are offering discounts to help counter the price of a passport that wasn't previously needed. If Jamaica is the first port of entry stamped on a new passport, many hotels will offer credits toward spa services, golf green fees and shopping. Tenants at Nassau Paradise Island in the Bahamas can get a rebate on their U.S. passport application fees. At SuperClubs, such as Breezes and Sandals,

guests can receive a credit of up to \$97 per person, which is the cost of a U.S. passport. Many resorts are hoping this will help prevent the loss of customers by offsetting the cost and inconvenience of getting a passport.

If you are planning to get a passport, plan to apply at least eight to ten weeks before departure, if not more to get it on time. To obtain a passport for the first time, you need to go in person to one of 9,000 passport acceptance facilities located throughout the United States with two photographs of yourself, proof of U.S. citizenship, and a valid form of photo identification such as a driver's license. New passports cost \$97 for individuals age 16 and older and \$82 for those younger than 16. Renewal fees are \$67.

However, a new alternative passport is being developed for frequent visitors to Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean. The U.S. Department of State plans to offer the alternative passport card later this year. The card, known as a PASS card, will cost \$10 for children and \$20 for adults, plus a \$25 execution fee.

"This limited-use (PASS card) is currently under development and will only be used in land or sea (including ferry) travel between Canada, Mexico, Caribbean and Bermuda," said a representative of the National Passport Information Center. "It's similar in size to a credit card and will easily fit into a wallet." The card will be implemented no later than June 9, 2009 but may be available sooner. The card uses radio frequency identification to link it to a secure database that contains a person's biographical data and photograph. Officials say individuals wishing to get the limited-use card must meet the same standards as those for a passport.

Subzero temps freeze Plunge

By Tony Nelson
News Editor

Concerns earlier in the year focused on weather that was too warm, but forecasted subzero temperatures for Feb. 4 forced plunge director to postpone the Special Olympics Polar Plunge until Sunday, Feb. 11. The Polar Plunge is in its eighth year and is the largest fundraiser for the Indianhead Area Special Olympics.

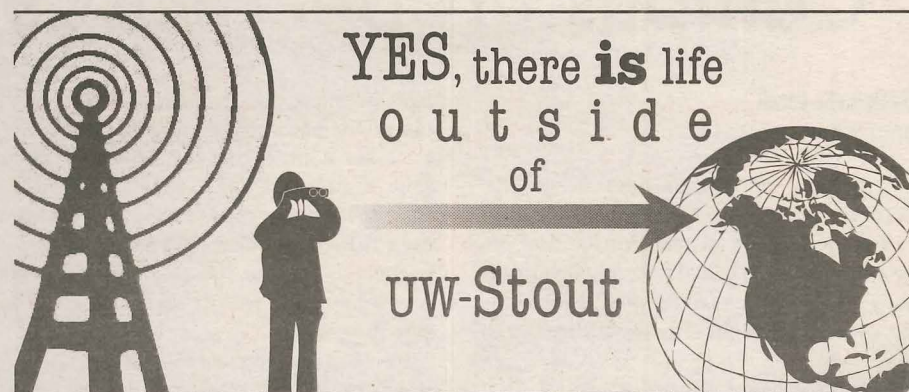
Special Olympics provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with cognitive disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Spe-

cial Olympics athletes and the community.

Last year's Eau Claire plunge raised more than \$94,000 that helped provide ten competitions and training events for the 1,200 athletes who currently participate in the Indianhead Area Special Olympics program. Two events will be held Mar. 10 on the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus is the district Basketball and Gymnastics Tournament.

The plunge will be held at Half Moon Beach in Carson Park, Eau Claire, Wisc., beginning at 11:00 a.m. Pre-registration will be held from 4 to 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 3 at Wagner's Bowling Alley on Bracket Street in Eau Claire.

For more information about the Polar Plunge contact 715-833-0833; or surf over to www.specialolympicswisconsin.org.



Satellite destroyed due to rocket

A rocket sent from an ocean-going platform in the Pacific Ocean exploded January 30, destroying a satellite in its path. A new satellite is now under construction. The destroyed satellite, which provided audio, video, and internet for countries such as Europe, Africa, and Asia, will not have an impact on existing customers.

STD shot required at young age

Merck & Co., who produces drugs such as the new vaccine Gardasil, is pushing to pass state laws that require girls around the age of 11 to receive a vaccine against STDs. Some groups are opposing the proposed law because it would make premarital sex safer. Their current vaccine Gardasil, which prevents cervical cancer, is not required by any state but is an option for young girls to get.

Retirement age for pilots in question

Currently, under the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), pilots are allowed to fly until they turn 60. A new proposal by the FFA is asking to raise the age to 65. The argument is that what really matters is experience. The main pilot's union, the Air Line Pilots Association, is opposing the change.

Castro meeting with Chavez aired

Cuban TV aired a video of Fidel Castro and Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez on January 30. Castro had last been seen every week after an intestinal surgery last October. In the recent video he looked stronger, but his speech was still slurred. It was said he appeared on TV to ward off the planned party at the upcoming Orange Bowl in Miami to celebrate his thought to be soon death.

Eight arrested in the U.K.

In Birmingham, England, eight terror suspects were arrested after being accused of planning a kidnapping of British servicemen. The plan was to kidnap and behead, just as militants in Iraq have done to hostages. The major attack was stopped in time.

Miss America used cocaine

The 21-year-old Kentucky native, Miss USA Tara Conner, admitted to Matt Lauer on NBC that she has done cocaine. She was in rehab for a month over the holidays but is now continuing her duties as Miss USA.

Rehab for troops

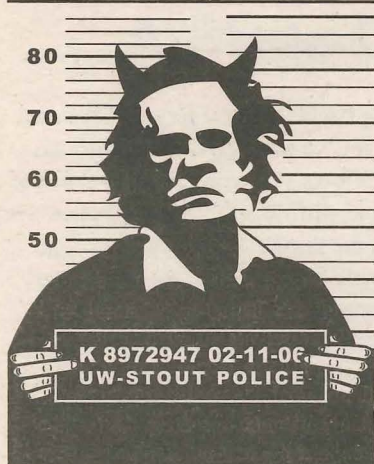
A rehabilitation center for wounded troops opened January 29 at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. It was funded by ordinary families who donated humble amounts, from pennies given by kids at schools, and one large anonymous donation of \$22.5 million. It is the largest and most expensive facility built solely on private donations.

Random drug tests in school

The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy has declared they are promoting random student drug tests in school for those participating in extracurricular activities. The program has already been used in about 1,000 middle and high schools across the nation. Currently, the decision to randomly test students is made by the individual schools.

Vitamin-fortified foods looked at

Grocery stores are filled with orange juice containing several added vitamins, milk fortified with Vitamin D and even chocolate pudding with added vitamins and minerals. It was announced by the New York University hospital that these vitamin fortified foods are just a marketing tease. The best way to get all the vitamins you need is to eat foods that naturally contain them.



~~Smooth~~ CRIMINALS

Tales of stupidity
from Menomonie

Citations Issued

December 12th through January 18th

UAD 1st: 5
UAD 2nd: 4
UAD 4th: 1
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia- 4
Possession of Marijuana- 2
ID Card Violation- 1
Crime damage to property- 1
Disruptive behavior- 1
Urinating in public- 1
Disorderly conduct- 1

Hit and run

On December 11, a hit and run traffic incident occurred in lot four. The owner of the vehicle noticed significant damage to her car. On the passenger side, the paint was completely scratched off from the front tire to the rear tire. The side mirror was also knocked off. Two large dents were on the passenger side as well.

Stolen items

A student reported stolen items from his car on December 11. The car was parked in lot four and was found with the windows slightly rolled down and the doors unlocked. A Punch P2 sub and box, amplifier, and a pair of hockey skates were taken. However, it looked like the burglars had taken their time as they didn't tear anything out, but used screwdrivers.

Student fainted

Menomonie ambulance and University of Wisconsin-Stout police were called to respond to a student who had fainted in the restroom of Kranzusch Hall on December 14. It was declared the student was probably getting the flu and no other actions were taken.

Soft air guns taken away

Two students in HKMC were shooting each other with soft air guns on December 14. An RA asked to have them and the students complied. The guns were turned over to the hall director and were to be taken home by the students during break.

Suspicious person

A suspicious male was spotted in the library on December 19. He spent time on second floor by room 220. He asked for sheets of paper and used a typewriter. He was seen exiting the women's bathroom. He is about 5'6", 160lbs, with dark reddish clean cut hair and bad body odor.

Handicapped door taken

On December 21, police were called to Micheels Hall for a vandalism report that the handicapped door in the bathroom had been busted off. There are no suspects.

Marijuana smell

There was a strong odor of marijuana in HKMC hall on December 30. Police were called in but they could not locate the smell on third floor Keith, where it was coming from.

Burning cheese

Officials were called into the Home Economics building for a complaint of a burning smell. They found it was the burning cheese that was a project underway for a class.

Citations Issued

January 19th through January 28th

UAD 1st: 17
UAD 3rd: 4
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia- 2
Possession of Marijuana- 1
Disorderly conduct- 1
Obstructing a police officer- 2

Backpack found

A backpack was left behind by its owner, but was found in time by the professor of the class. It was identified by a checkbook inside and was returned to the rightful owner after proving identification with a valid I.D.

No valuables in North Hall laundry room

A student was doing laundry in North Hall and left the room leaving a wallet behind. Upon returning, the wallet was missing. It contained photos, an ATM card from Hong Kong and about \$250 in cash.

Egged car in lot two

On January 24, a student's car was parked in the University of Wisconsin-Stout's lot two when it got egged. The student was able to wash off most of the egg, but it is unsure if there is any permanent damage. She reported this is the second time her car has been egged in UW-Stout parking lots.

HKMC disorderly conduct

A student was standing in the lobby area of HKMC on January 26 when a black male with a group of females and males walked up to her and called her ignorant for no reason. She responded by slapping the male in the face with her hand. The black male then pushed her away and walked away himself. She was not hurt and wanted no further actions taken.

Marijuana smell

Police were called to inspect the third floor of South Hall on January 26 in response to an RA who smelled the odor of marijuana. The officer could smell the odor as well but could not locate the room it was coming from.

Dog taken to Red Cedar Hall

A stray dog was taken into custody at Red Cedar Hall on January 26. A female found the dog while it was darting out into traffic and was concerned for its safety. No dog tags or other markings were on the dog. The officer took the dog around the neighborhood where it was found to find an owner, but no one was in sight. The dog was then taken to the humane society.

Bio hazard vomit

A bio-hazard bag of vomit was taken from the first floor of Hovlid Hall. The vomit appeared to have blood mixed in with it. It was cleaned up and taken to the Student Health Department in a Bio-Hazard bin.

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Dear Lord, what have we done? | where we are, where we're headed

By Kyle Kingston
Editor-in-Chief

Well, here we are. You're reading this. Which means you were at least curious enough to pick us up and give us a try. Good. We can build on that.

First things first. Obviously things are a little different. I should probably bring you up to speed a bit.

We've gone from a weekly to a biweekly, which means you'll be seeing us on the stands every other Thursday. Our format is more magazine-based than a traditional newspaper.

One of our favorite features of this is the ever-changing cover page, housing generally more content than you're used to seeing from us, and in many ways, different content than you're used to seeing from us, assuming you're even used to seeing us at all.

A couple pages from here (page 8, to be precise), you'll find an excellent summary by David Tank, our adviser, of the process that got us to this redesign and relaunch. Surveys, focus groups,

the NEW STOUTONIA

unshaved news, and it
feels oh so good



interviews, endless discussions and more. A lot of sleepless nights, some of them mine.

All of this to answer the question none of us liked asking: does anybody give a damn about *The Stoutonia*?

No, scratch that. Here was the question: *should* anyone give a damn about *The Stoutonia*?

We took a long, hard look at ourselves and our modest paper. *The Stoutonia* has been around in one form or another for close to a century, but we don't answer to tradition. We answer to you guys, for whose attention we compete against countless forms of mass media. So... what can we give you guys that will keep you interested and

coming back? It is my fervent hope that when you've finished looking through what follows you won't dismiss it as the same old stuff in a different wrapper.

Some things will be familiar. Magazine format or no, we are at heart a newspaper. However, our approach to covering the news is evolving into something a little more irreverent, significantly less dry, more comprehensive and, very soon, more topical.

The Feature pages of *The Stoutonia* will gain greater prominence as we delve more deeply into the stories that affect The UW-Stout community, rather than simply pay lip service to events that you could more easily learn about elsewhere.

Also, more about entertainment events before they happen and less about reviewing what's come and gone. Greater variety in what we cover and how. And soon—not yet but very soon, look for it by our next issue—the return of an online *Stoutonia*.

So this is our great experiment. Stay with us and let us know if it works.

Who is Keith Haring, you ask?

By Theresa Radtke
Columnist

During my senior year of high school we learned about this guy named Keith Haring in my drawing class. Keith Haring was an artist who drew, painted and sculpted pop culture symbols and ideas. He died in 1990 from AIDS and related complications.

What he left behind in the art world were thrilling, diverse and original pieces of art that inspired me in different ways, to think outside of the box and outside of my own problems.

He was an all around cool guy. Remembering people around the time of their death is a way to show respect even though they are no longer with us. To me, Keith Haring is so cool that I want to acknowledge him all the time.

The kind of drawings he did were usually murals. He used only thick, colored or black and white lines to create figures.

Distorted body outlines of people or animals produced symbolism for an era of people looking for different ways to express themselves.

His style was funky and clean. A

lot of his art carried social messages and were put up in cities across the country. He gained international recognition with his murals and exhibitions.

I found out that his artwork was the subject of more than forty newspaper and magazine articles in 1986 alone.

That is a lot of publicity. This guy must have been doing something right; he was highly sought after to participate in special projects and collaborated with artists and performers such as Madonna, Grace Jones, Bill T. Jones, William Burroughs, Timothy Leary, Jenny Holzer and Andy Warhol.

Regardless of who liked his art or why, Keith Haring was amazing. I suggest looking him up online and checking out some of his work. His work helped me see things more clearly regarding the problems that were facing the world in the 90's and still are today.

An artist who can capture the world in simple lines and figures is an artist worth knowing. I found my information on Keith Haring from his Web site, www.haring.com.

Fine dining at The Pawn

By Sam Schuna
Opinions Editor

The Pawn is for some, due to its location and convenience, an oasis in a desert of classes and work. Not just students, but all kinds of people visit this locale, located approximately smack dab in the center of campus, on a daily basis to purchase their lunches, dinners and snack items. Although oft used, it is common knowledge that people don't always eat the best when they're on the run, and The Pawn is no exception.

It is not impossible to eat healthily at The Pawn; after all, they have a variety of very nutritious items for sale such as carrots, celery, pineapple, several vegetarian/vegan sandwiches and many other items. They have even added some newer items recently such as whole kosher pickles, cherry pies and even sushi. So all is peachy, right?

Wrong. Although The Pawn has a decent variety of food, the quality and price rarely, if ever, compliment one another (or human tastebuds, for that matter).

It's not that the food there is terrible; it really isn't. The smoothies are terrific, and the sub sandwiches are

okay. But when you're paying about \$1.25 for roughly ten or twelve domino-sized pineapple chunks that wouldn't feed a homeless man, you know something is awry. Most everything in the place has had a price raise in the past year; one of the only things that hasn't is the fries. At what you're getting for that price, you could at least ask for the food to be fresh, but sometimes that isn't even the case. If nobody's eating it, it's not uncommon for food to sit there for up to a week. Although the sanitation has improved slightly over the years, back in the day you could sometimes see an old dried out corn dog still waiting to be bought on the stands or a piece of pizza so old the grease has started to harden on its surface.

Inflated food costs of The Pawn every semester or so are apparently due to overall food costs increasing, so apparently they have to buy the food for more money every semester. There may be nothing we can do about that, but still, paying the price of a six-inch sub at Subway for a sandwich that is nowhere near the quality or size is unfair.

At least the employees there are pretty nice to talk to.

A State Cinema Experience

By Sam Schuna
Opinions Editor

When I arrived at the State Cinema, one of the first things I noticed was that they still had their Christmas decorations up. It was Jan. 25 and there was a medium-sized fake Christmas tree and artificial wreath garlands speckled with white lights right when I walked in the door. Not that it bothered me, though; I thought it was more amusing than anything. The carpeting was patterned with what I thought was a pleasing red fish scale design, and the entire lobby was littered with both real and fake potted plants.

The collection for the food drive was located right in the center of the entrance, dividing the path when I walked in. The signs hanging on the massive mountain of canned soup and vegetables informed me that anyone who brings in six cans of food gets one free ticket to a movie, which seemed like a pretty good deal to me. As far as I know, this deal is continuous and all food goes to the local food pantry.

I proceeded to the counter to purchase my ticket for the film I was to see—"Déjà vu." The man at the register was extremely polite and told me the price was \$5; a little pricey for the cheap seats, but I had heard they raised their prices recently and there has been some controversy about that. I had vis-

ited their Web site previously to check the times the movie was playing, and it listed the only run time at 10:00 p.m. I showed up a little early (at around 9:45 p.m.), but the employee working told me the film didn't start until 10:15 p.m., so I had to wait a little. In my downtime, I just looked around the arcade at some of the different games they offered. They had a couple basketball shooting games like Lil' Hoops and Basket Fever, a Clean Sweep machine, a Wonder Wheel machine and an interesting looking arcade game called Miner's Revenge. I was also pretty excited to see a Sonic the Hedgehog machine, which I considered playing after the movie. And finally, what movie theater arcade is complete without a claw-grabber machine? This one was of particular interest, however, as it appeared all the stuffed animals inside were random and had gone through several different Goodwill outlets before finding their way here. Alas, after I was done looking around, I discovered a small TV off the back end of the side of the lobby playing "Moulin Rouge," so I watched that for a little bit.

After a short while I needed to use the restroom, which I was half-expecting to be pretty grungy, but it was actually in pretty good condition. The walls were fairly clean, as were the toilet and sink: no gunk or rust anywhere to be seen, and the mirror was polished and



had no cracks. The wallpaper—which was half white and half bland pink—wasn't anything special, but it got the job done. There was also a plastic plant in a watering can on top of the toilet. The only thing looking out of commission in the room was an old plunger with the red pigment pretty much faded out of the rubber. When I got out of the restroom, two employees—one of them the man at the register—were working to fix one of the arcade games, the Basket Fever machine. It was time for the movie to start, so I purchased some popcorn, specifically lightly buttered at the counter, where I noticed a walkie talkie next to a note that instructed people to use it to call for assistance if no employees were present. I thought that was kind of weird, but whatever works, I guess. I received my popcorn, which cost \$2.11, and walked upstairs to theater number three. The popcorn was not warm at all and much too greasy for my tastes; I didn't even finish the bag.

The actual theater was very small, with only four rows of five seats on each side. There were also long tables

lined in front of each row with menus for the restaurant next door, which struck me as odd but somewhat interesting. At least there was a place for me to put my legs up during the movie. I had also heard rumors that the temperature was very cold in the theaters, but it didn't

bother me too much, and I was able to sit comfortably through the film with my coat off; I am, after all, a Minnesotan.

I was the only one in the theater until a guy and a girl walked in a few minutes after the film had started.

The movie was decent, but the thing that bothered me most was the sound quality. To be blunt, it was terrible—at times so bad I couldn't quite make out what the actors were saying. If they would have had a good surround sound system the tickets might have been worth the \$5, but the way it was I would probably not go to another movie there again.

When the film was finished I meant to ask one of the employees if they had plans for purchasing any new sound equipment to make the theater better, but the lights were switched off and everyone was gone. I had also meant to play some of the games in the arcade—particularly Sonic the Hedgehog—but all the machines were turned off as well, so I was forced to exit, letting the doors lock behind me on my way out.



zombie socrates

Hey, kids,
it's me: Zombie Socrates. I'm back from the dead and in Menomonie for the time being, so I thought I could do my part for society by giving advice to you young whippersnappers and answer any questions you might have about the meaning of life, truth, justice, girlfriend/boyfriend squabbles or anything in between. The shop is open, so ask away!

Dear Zombie Socrates,
Is life really like a beach?
Sincerely,
Over-tanned

Dear Tanned,
Y'know, I don't really know who the

hell started that whole thing, but I actually fancy life to be a bit more like . . . hmmm. . . socks. Yes. Yes, I think life can be very accurately described as being like socks. I mean, c'mon. "Life is like a beach"? That's just so cliché. But socks. . . think about that!

Dear Zombie Socrates,
Why do men always have one testicle that is slightly larger than the other one?

Sincerely,
Eunuch in Munich

Dear Eunuch,
From a front view, the human body is completely symmetrical for the most part, except for genitalia in males. As much as I have learned over my many years of being alive and many more of being dead, and with all the knowledge I have gained, I know now that some

things in life that are just are. It's as simple as that. I'm sorry if that's not what you came here looking for, but there is no deeper meaning as to why men have one testicle that is larger than the other. There is no philosophical debate or mental wonder. One's just bigger than the other one. That's just how it is. Scientifically speaking, one almost always sags a bit lower in the scrotum than the other one does. It's more often the left one over the right, but only by a miniscule percentage. Unless the people you are talking about have a remarkably larger testicle than the other—I would say about twice as big—I don't believe there's really anything further to ponder. I would honestly say one could put more thought into the question of how much time do you spend observing and contemplating testicles? I mean, no offense or anything. . . just sayin' you must think about balls an awful lot. . . jeez. . .

Dear Zombie Socrates,
What would be the politically correct way to refer to an African-American person who is also a British citizen?
Sincerely,
Gregorio Von Gertrude II

Dear Gregorio,
The term "African-American" is used much too often, sometimes ignorantly, to just describe someone with a "black" skin color, when it should really only be used on citizens of the United States who are descendants from Sub-Saharan Africa. So in this case I would just say the politically correct term would be "British" or just "Brit."

If you have any questions you would like to ask me, simply send them to stoutonia@uwstout.edu, and be sure to include Zombie Socrates in the subject header!

How the new look came about

examining where we've been

By David Tank
Stoutonia Advisor

Revamping *The Stoutonia* was neither a spontaneous nor thoughtless act. The process began in the spring of 2005, when the editorial staff began to notice an increasing number of papers left in the racks each week. They also discovered that newspapers across the country were experiencing the same problem, and that college-aged students were the least likely to read traditional newspapers.

Recognizing that something needed to be done to increase readership, we began a 20-month assessment and readership study that eventually led to *The Stoutonia* that you're holding in your hands today. It's a departure from the traditional newspaper that's been on this campus for many decades.

The most obvious change is its new design and format, with more of a magazine look and feel.

Another big change is that it'll now be published every other week, instead of weekly, with a brand-new online edition to handle any breaking news between issues. This will be up and running within the week, at which time the URL will be broadly announced.

The editors and writers also hope to give the paper a new attitude, one that's more in touch with the attitude of

today's college student.

What do you think? Is *The Stoutonia* heading in the right direction or is it about to go over a cliff?

Your opinions are not only important, they're essential! Listening to your thoughts got the paper to this point and your reactions and comments are essential to help the staff fine tune it.

A focus group composed of students, an administrator and a faculty member discussed current issues regarding *The Stoutonia*. Several items were brought to the paper's attention from that group meeting:

1. Students seldom read the paper.
2. None of the participants considered *The Stoutonia* to be very useful to them, personally.
3. The paper should do a better job of covering student organizations and academic programs.
4. The paper was written and edited from a male perspective.
5. The comics were juvenile, rude and often degrading and sexist.
6. Students were often portrayed as partiers and heavy drinkers.

At the end of the 2006 school year, more than 800 individuals, representative of the entire UW-Stout community, completed a readership survey, describing their reading habits and opinions about the paper. More things we discovered:

The top three things readers were most likely to read were the Police Beat, articles about activities on campus and opinions essays or editorials. The bottom three things people were least likely to look at in the paper were articles about gaming, articles about sports or reviews of a new CD.

Responses to readership of the online version of *The Stoutonia* were startling: two percent reported having read it every week, six percent said they read it once a month and a whopping 75 percent reported never reading the online version, or that they did not know such a version existed.

When asked about where they get their main source of campus information, 39 percent of students reported that it was through the SSA daily (now thrice or so weekly) e-mails. 24 percent of faculty and staff said they get their main source of info from the UW-Stout daily e-mail announcements. *The Stoutonia* was reported to have been a main source of campus information for only ten percent of the individuals surveyed. Coming in last was the E-scholar calendar. Readers were also asked what changes they'd like to see. Some of the unprompted comments made most often were to include more stories about organizations and what they do, more stories about campus activities *before* they happen, and in general more things

going on around campus that affect the students' lives. Suggestions were also made to pick better topics for editorials or else remove them altogether, include more features about staff and students, report more music events that were within driving range and finally eliminate the comics section.

This past fall we conducted three more focus groups. Leaders emphasized the question, "What would you like to see in the student paper of tomorrow? What would you like to see in a paper that you would read?" Many of the comments echoed those heard in the previous surveys, such as more campus news and being informed earlier about upcoming activities. One group recommended a name change. Another suggested a change to an alternate week print edition and an online version for breaking stories (which had come up in the first focus group a year and a half earlier).

One group suggested that the name "*The Stoutonia*" was old and stuffy and should be changed. As we posed that idea to others, the reactions were varied, so the question was taken to the readers of our Oct. 19 issue. Should we change it or leave it as is? The vast majority of those who responded to our online poll said they thought *The Stoutonia* was just fine, and the few who thought it should be changed had no better ideas.

Abusing the English language

faculty corner

Well, I'm back. When I graduated from UW-Stout in December of 1987, with a bachelor's degree in studio art and a minor in English literature, I pretty much figured I wouldn't be seeing much, if anything, of Menomoneie or Stout again. I was wrong. Had anyone told me then that someday I'd one day be a college professor employed by UW-Stout, I would have laughed and laughed.

Nonetheless, my life has become, on a grand scale, akin to an attenuated collegiate episode of the hit 70's sit-com, "Welcome Back Kotter," (sans John Travolta). If you're old enough to remember the show, you may remember me from "back in the day," when I morphed from a Farrah-flip-sporting Douglas County 4-H'er into a funky, punky art major with what, in retrospect, I recognize as obnoxiously offensive 80's hair and a pretty cool

Madonna meets Cyndi Lauper-esque wardrobe. If you aren't old enough to remember the show, then you may know me as "Dr. D."



ONE-POINT PERSPECTIVE
Jean-Marie Dauplaise

Although after I graduated, I was able to resuscitate, at the University of Minnesota, Duluth, a new and improved version of *The Stoutonia* opinions column, which after a long,

if not notorious existence, I was forced to surrender. However, for reasons I have no real reason to contemplate, but instead, to simply accept, I've been offered the opportunity to take up the keyboard again.

Let me warn readers that I haven't really changed all that much. In fact, as a student, I wrote a column about my disgruntlement with the abuse of the English language. Instead of recap-

ping that column, which I must say, was eerily prescient, I've decided to treat the Stoutonia's readers to an array to some of the infractions that both my colleagues and I are subjected to on a regular basis. Perhaps this little sampling will illuminate those who wonder, "why do so many English teachers seem like extras from *The Night of the Living Dead*?"

"When leaving home for the first time to live in a situation of complete and utter freedom is an experience in itself."

"Over time it seems as though America sees that a person as completely ignorant if they have not gone far in there schooling."

"In my 30 years as a gay man I have been writing in the gay perspective for 10 years."

"This gives us a vivid picture of the anti-Yankee sediments towards Homer Barron post Civil War."

"As for 'Wife Swap,' there isn't any upfront back-stabbing."

"The media feeds off of the celebrities indecencies, upping that person's success in a less appropriate manner."

"The low budget films seek pleasure from this. They see our weaknesses and they plunge at it."

"Again, the success of the band shadows the decency for the students."

"Both of these ads use sexually objective ways to manipulate the customers while sealing their colons."

Please keep in mind that all names have been omitted to protect the innocent — and the guilty.

I hope that by sharing this sampling, to also impress upon readers the stern caveat that spell check is a double-edged sword. Even in Wisconsin, you can't always depend on it utterly.

Peeling back the paint of the past

By Brittany Bean
Staff Writer

Everyone has a past. We are shaped, challenged and sometimes defined by that past. Often we desire to forget moments in the past that are shameful or upsetting. However, the Black Student Union at the University of Wisconsin-Stout is ready to peel back the paint on a painful part of their past.

Today marks the beginning of Black History Month, during which the BSU will be providing various opportunities for UW-Stout students to learn more about black history.

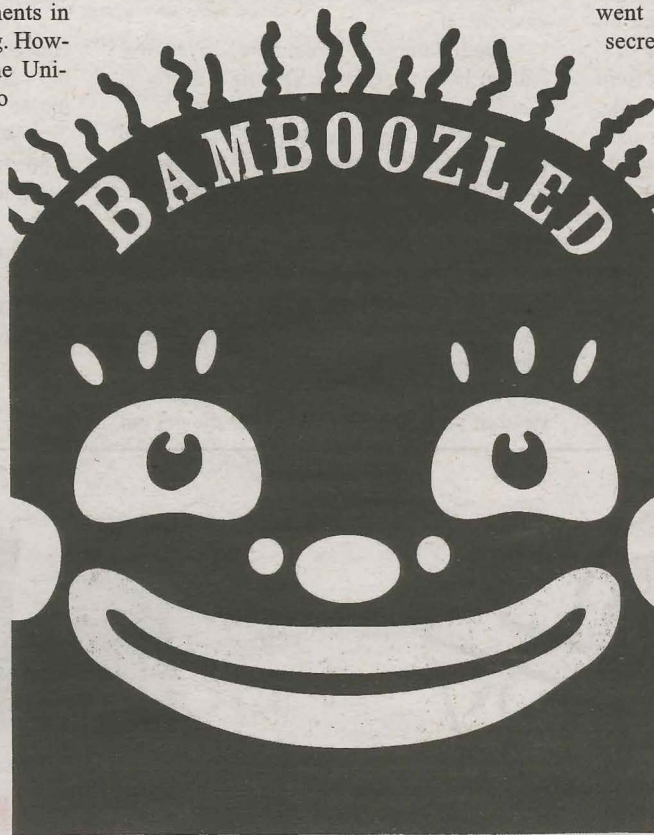
To begin the festivities, the BSU will present the movie "Bamboozled" tonight at 7 p.m. in Ballroom B of the Memorial Student Center. Although the film will provide students with entertainment and a few laughs, it will also examine an aspect of black history that is seldom discussed.

The film focuses on the topic of blackface, the type of theatrical performance in which actors paint their faces black and make fools of black people.

"Blackface began in the late 1800s and was created by white people," said Jasmine Patzner, president of the BSU. "White actors would act out how they thought black people lived back then, which was completely off

and stereotypical."

Patzner decided the UW-Stout campus needed to be educated about this part of black history after a few students were found dressed in black-face for Halloween



The movie "Bamboozled" will be played tonight, February 1, at 7 p.m. in Ballroom B of the Memorial Student Center as part of BSU's planned events for Black History Month.

this year, not realizing the impact of their actions. Showing a free movie seemed like a convenient and interesting way to educate people on the serious and painful topic.

"It was looked at as comedy—people went to laugh at it," said Diona Johnson, secretary of the BSU. "But there were suicides from it, and it was a depressing era because black people desperately wanted to get into show business but couldn't unless they did blackface."

Patzner commented that the film is "one way we're going to bring it back to the campus so it's not a laughing matter."

Johnson agreed. "I think the movie will be helpful in convincing people of the severity of the issue. I just hope people will learn the basic principles of what blackface was and that it's not okay to mimic race based on stereotypes. It's not okay to mock something that is such a sensitive topic. You get a lot of people who have stereotypes who think it's okay to enforce them. This is our way to show the history behind what you think you believe."

"Bamboozled," whose title means to trick, deceive or lead astray, exhibits outrageous racial stereotypes. The main plot centers on a frustrated black writer who creates an outlandish TV show with black actors in blackface. The show, which is expected to fail, is

instead met with approval and success. As the movie unfolds, comedy mixes with the deeper message of consequences resulting from the show.

Showing "Bamboozled" is just one part of the events planned for the month of February. The theme this year is "A Night of our Ancestry," and the focus is on points in history that define black culture today, whether it be dance, speeches or events that were controversial.

Various professors are offering students extra credit to attend the presentation of "Bamboozled" and become educated on this important aspect of black history. Also, for people interested in learning more about black history, a display case will be set up on the top floor of the Memorial Student Center throughout February.

Patzner said her favorite part of being president of the BSU is the opportunity it provides to educate the rest of campus.

Johnson has similar reasons for becoming active in the BSU. "I wanted to make a difference in the most effective way possible," she said.

This is an important month for both Johnson and Patzner and their work with the BSU.

"I personally would ask people to pay more attention," said Johnson. "There are few events, but they are important events. Less is more, I believe. Who knows, maybe they'll demand more."

If so, members of the BSU will be ready, paint scrapers in hand, to reveal more of the past that has helped shape who they are today.

BSU annual ball highlights Black History Month

By Danielle Bleck
Staff Writer

Black History Month began as just a week in 1926 and then expanded to a whole month of commemoration in 1976. On the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus, Black History Month is a month of awareness and education, as well as celebration.

"It is a month to let students know about our culture, what our ancestors accomplished and what it's like to be a minority here at Stout," said Diona Johnson, secretary of UW-Stout's Black Student Union.

Many festivities have been planned by BSU to share these things with the community.

To start the month off, the Spike Lee film, "Bamboozled," will be shown. The comedy film shows how America's racist past still impacts the present.

Later in the month BSU will be going to a high school in the Twin Cities to talk

about what it's like to be a minority at UW-Stout.

They will also be bringing the Carnage DezDemona hip hop show to the Great Hall in the Memorial Student Center on Feb. 22.

The month's activities will conclude on Feb. 24 with the 12th annual BSU Ball. The BSU Ball, the highlight Black History Month at UW-Stout. It has been diligently planned since the beginning of the school year.

"This event is an evening of great food, entertainment and a DJ that is going to blow the roof off," Johnson said.

Jasmine Patzner, BSU president said this also gives students one night they can get dressed up in formal attire.

During the BSU Ball a sit-down meal will be served and Dennis Baskin, a financial affairs director from UW-Whitewater, will speak. Stories about family, community, education and self-esteem will be told by African-American storyteller Teju. Tra-

ditional African dances will be presented by Naima-Oma Africa.

The night will be brought to a close by a dance mixed by DJ Advance. Tickets to the ball will be sold at the service desk in the Memorial Student Center and are \$15 for singles and \$25 for couples.

Events like these are put on as a form of entertainment to UW-Stout students but also to educate and put an end to stereotypes and preconceived notions about African-Americans, Patzner said. It's important educate a predominantly white campus about Black history, culture and way of life.

"We aren't here just for sports," Patzner said.

When asked what it's like to be a minority on campus she said, "It's a privilege, but it's frustrating. It's hard to continuously have to educate people about your culture when the norm is so accepting of no one asking about it. It is a big adventure ev-

ery day. People look at you differently in a classroom, walking down the street. They drive by and stare at you. It's different, it's hard, it's frustrating, but if you have a goal of getting an education no one should stop you from getting where you want to go."

BSU and individuals like Johnson and Patzner have put a great amount of time and effort into planning these events and are eager to get the word out about their heritage. Their hopes are for awareness and great attendance.

"It's good to learn something new everyday and it doesn't hurt to come to something you've never come to," Johnson said. Attending these events is a great way to expand our knowledge of other cultures. It is only through learning about other people that we can appreciate our differences instead of using them to create stereotypes.

Time management key to working and college

By Dave Edwards
Correspondent

"Will you be paying with your Fleet card today?"

"Make sure to save your receipts,"

"Thanks, come again!"

These are just some of the many phrases Kyle Erickson must memorize for his cashiering job at Fleet Farm, in Menomonie. But that isn't the only thing he has been trying to memorize lately.

Erickson is a University of Wisconsin-Stout sophomore majoring in information technology management. Along with his cashiering codes, he spends his study time looking over C++ code and Linux Command lines. Erickson, like many other UW-Stout students, holds a steady job along with keeping up with his schoolwork.

The constant beeping, clicking, tapping

and the mumbling of disgruntled customers rake his ears at work, where he stands in one space for the entirety of his work.

"I can basically sum my entire shift with about seven arm movements and face gestures," Erickson stated. "The repetitive style of work keeps me focused, but it gets a bit mind numbing at times."

In class every day, school is not far from his repetitive work setting; cramming code, analyzing data structures and reading over networking systems. In any given week, Erickson is scheduled to work 20-25 hours a week. Aside from that, Erickson's homework and studies take him anywhere from 10-15 hours a week.

According to Brockport.edu, since 1984 the full time student who also works full or part time has risen slowly from 42 percent to 49 percent and 49 percent of those full time college students make less than \$6.15 an hour.

"I work for the money for tuition, because I cannot pay for school solely with the money I make over the summer," Erickson said. "It's also nice to have spending money for miscellaneous items as well. It helps me keep structured in a sometimes very cluttered environment."

Beth Plourde, a sophomore, drives over half an hour to work at Victoria's Secret in Eau Claire.

"Driving can be a really big hassle, and having to fill up sometimes twice a week can hit the budget pretty hard," Plourde said.

When asked if working in Eau Claire was really worth the drive and gas money, Plourde replied, "Well, it puts me in a good situation, because I live near another Victoria's Secret in my hometown, so it secures a better job for the summer."

Plourde added that her job is unique. Instead of putting her on schedule, she get put

on call some days.

"I pretty much have to get all ready for work and call the store an hour before my 'on-call' shift starts. When I call, they tell me if they need me or not. If not, I just got all ready for work for nothing."

Plourde described this as a "major inconvenience," but still sticks with the job for the reason most college students have jobs: tuition.

With the yearly rise in tuition, there is a positive correlation year to year with the rising tuition and the number of working students.

Some students find more manageable jobs to help pay for college. Kimber Peters, a sophomore at Stout, works at the University Bookstore. Unlike Fleet Farm or Victorias' Secret, the Bookstore offers Kimber a set

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Friday, February 2nd

Tonnage w/ the scullcranes

Time management | secret of success

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schedule each week.

"The hours are mostly accommodating, but it gets difficult if I have an exam or project in the beginning of the week."

Easy as it may seem, this could get difficult for Peters.

"Typically, I have school in the morning, work in the early afternoon, and then straight to the ceramics lab. It's hard to sneak in a meal in there, and to find free time to study."

Employment didn't affect the students

GPA's and credited science-like time management as the one factor keeping them on top of class.

Erickson, referring to his time management, added, "Basically, I keep it going by constantly staying organized, but always space out downtime for myself. Besides work, staying active and partying, I focus on academics because that's what I'm here for."

"Keeping busy gives me more energy and keeps my attitude upbeat. Sometimes it's stressful, but for the most part it's nice to have something to do all the time," Peters said.



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Thursday, February 1

-10th Annual Construction Career Fair organized by Sigma Lambda Chi. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Great Hall, MSC
-Resume Writing Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Career Services.

Saturday, February 3

-Tattooing. Cost: \$50. 10 a.m. to Noon. School of the Arts, Menomonie

Monday, February 5

-Cover Letters and Professional Communication Workshop. 10:10 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. Career Services
-Damn Yankees - musical Auditions. 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Harvey Hall Theatre, Room 118, Harvey Hall
-One Community One Book Panel Discussion. 7 p.m. Menomonie Public Library

Tuesday, February 6

-Job Search Strategies Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Career Services
-Kayak Roll Clinic. Sign up by February 5. Cost: \$20 student, \$35 community. 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Stout Adventures

Wednesday, February 7

-Academic Staff Women Mentoring's 4th Annual Leadership Panel. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ballroom C, MSC
-Resume Writing Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Career Services
-Thesis Writing Survival Skills. 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Room 111, LLC
-Living with Disabilities - Presented by Cassy Bourget. 5 p.m. Ballroom C, MSC
-Nordic Ski Waxing. Sign up by February 6. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Stout Adventures
-Kayak Roll Clinic. Sign up by February 5. Cost: \$20 student, \$35 community. 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Stout Adventures

Thursday, February 8

-Critical Business Skills for Effective Supply Chain Leaders: ISM Satellite Seminar. Cost: \$50 ISM/ NAMP members, \$75 non-members, \$10 full-time students. 8:45 a.m. Registration, 9 a.m. Seminar Begins. Room 207, Millennium Hall
-Interviewing Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Career Services

Monday, February 12

-Interviewing Workshop. 10:10 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. Career Services

Tuesday, February 13

-International Students: How to Find a Co-op/ Internship Workshop. 4:40 p.m. 5:30 p.m. Career Services.

Wednesday, February 14

-Job Search Strategies Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Career Services

Entertainment

Thursday, February 1

-Open Mic. 7 p.m. Rec Center, MSC
-Bamboozled - movie presented by Black Student Union. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Ballroom B, MSC
-Pat McCurdy with Noel Hanson - music. Cost: \$7. 9:30 p.m. House of Rock, Eau Claire
-Downer's Grove - music. 10 p.m. Waterfront Bar and Grill, Menomonie

Friday, February 2

-Boyd Lee and Joe Cruz - music. Cost: \$14 seniors/ students, \$16 adults. 7 p.m. Mabel Tainter

Theater

-A Chorus Line - Broadway show. Cost: \$8 student, \$14 adult. 7:30 p.m. State Theatre, Eau Claire
-Quietdrive with Heiruspecs - music presented by Blue Devil Productions. Cost: \$8 with Stout ID, \$12 public. 8 p.m. Great Hall, MSC
-Derek and Friends - music. 8 p.m. Acoustic Café, Menomonie
-Jim Pullman - music. 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Acoustic Café, Eau Claire
-White Light Riot with The Daredevil Christopher Wright, Only the Sea, and Meridene - music. Cost: \$4. 9:30 p.m. House of Rock, Eau Claire
-Southern Rock Blowout: White Iron Band and Backyard Tire Fire - music. Cost: \$5. 9:30 p.m. Stones Throw, Eau Claire
-Tonnage and The Skullcranes - music. 11 p.m. Mr. Heavy's, Menomonie

Saturday, February 3

-Kobi Shaw: "Together Again, For the First Time" - music. Cost: \$10 seniors/ students, \$12 adults. 7 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater
-A Chorus Line - Broadway show. Cost: \$8 student, \$14 adult. 7:30 p.m. State Theatre, Eau Claire
-The Songs For - music. 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Acoustic Café, Eau Claire
-Howard Luedtke and Blue Max - music. Cost: \$4. 9 p.m. Stones Throw, Eau Claire
-Retribution Gospel Choir with The Owls, and The Daredevil Christopher Wright - music. Cost: \$5. 10 p.m. House of Rock, Eau Claire

Sunday, February 4

-A Chorus Line - Broadway show. Cost: \$8 student, \$14 adult. 1:30 p.m. State Theatre, Eau Claire

Monday, February 5

-Jazz Jam: Adam Braatz Quartet - music. 9 p.m. Stones Throw, Eau Claire

Tuesday, February 6

-Tuesday Bluesday: Lucy Creek Blues Band - music. 7:30 p.m. Stones Throw, Eau Claire

Wednesday, February 7

-Open Mic. 9 p.m. Stones Throw, Eau Claire

Thursday, February 8

-Dallas Brass - music. Cost: \$16 children, \$22 seniors/ students, \$24 adults. 7 p.m. Great Hall, MSC
-Kill the Vultures with Mel Gibson and the Pants - music presented by Blue Devil Productions. Cost: Free with Stout ID, \$1 public. 8 p.m. Rec Center, MSC
-Open Mic. 8 p.m. Acoustic Café, Menomonie
-Quinn Elizabeth - music. Cost: \$5. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. Show starts at 9:30 p.m. House of Rock, Eau Claire
-The Lee Boys, Tom Feldman and the Get-Rites - music. Cost: \$5. 9:30 p.m. Stones Throw, Eau Claire
-Aura Satori - music. 10 p.m. Waterfront Bar and Grill, Menomonie

Friday, February 9

-This Is Luke - music. 7 p.m. Blind Munchies Coffeehouse
-Murzik - music. 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Acoustic Café, Eau Claire
-The Twerps - music. Cost: \$3. 9 p.m. Stones Throw, Eau Claire
-Mr. Smith, Jim Pullman Band, and Hanz Erik and the Hims - music. Cost: \$4. 9:30 p.m. House of Rock, Eau Claire
-Worn Out Shoes - music! 11 p.m. Mr. Heavy's, Menomonie

Saturday, February 10

-Blue Ja Vue - music. 8 p.m. Acoustic Café, Menomonie
-Midwinter Music Meltdown featuring No Loving Place, Mors Mortis Machinatio, Antihero, and Buried By Hope - music. Cost: \$5. 9 p.m. House of Rock, Eau Claire
-God Johnson - music. Cost: \$5. 9:30 p.m. Stones Throw, Eau Claire

Athletics

Friday, February 2

-Gymnastics @ Gershon Invite in La Crosse. 6 p.m.
-Hockey vs. St. Scholastica. 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 3

-Men and Women Track and Field host Warren Bowlus Open. Noon

-Men's Basketball @ UW-Oshkosh. 5 p.m.
-Women's Basketball @ UW-Oshkosh. 7 p.m.
-Hockey @ UW-Superior. 7 p.m.

Monday, February 5

-Gymnastics vs. Winona State and Hamline. 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 7

-Men's Basketball @ UW-Superior. 7 p.m.
-Women's Basketball vs. UW-Superior. 7 p.m.

Friday, February 9

-Gymnastics vs. UW-La Crosse. 7 p.m.
-Hockey @ UW-River Falls. 7 p.m.

Saturday, February 10

-Men's Basketball @ UW-Steven's Point. 3 p.m.
-Women's Basketball @ UW-Steven's Point. 5 p.m.
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- Tonnage and the Skill Cranes @ Heavy's. 11 p.m. Free.

Feb 3, '07:

- Retribution Gospel Choir, The Owls, The Daredevil @ House of Rock,
10 p.m. \$10. 21+

Feb 8, '07:

- Aura Satori, Aaron Stevek @ Waterfront. 10 p.m. Free.
- The Lee Boys, Tom Feldmann, The Get-Rights @ Stone's Throw, 9 p.m. \$5.

Feb 10, '07:

- No Loving Place, Mors Mortis Machinatio, Orestus, Antihero @ House of Rock, 9:30 p.m. \$5.

Feb 12, '07:

- White Light Riot, The Daredevil, Christopher Wright, Only the Sea Meridene @ House of Rock, 9:30 p.m. \$4. 21+

Feb 15, '07:

- Brian Legg and Friends @ Waterfront. 10 p.m. Free.

Feb 16, '07:

- Fat Maw Rooney @ Waterfront.
9:30 p.m. \$4.

DVD Releases

Feb 6, '07:

- Running With Scissors
- The Science of Sleep

Feb 13, '07:

- The Departed
- Marie Antoinette

TV Show Debuts

Feb 1, '07:

- The Sarah Silverman Program, Comedy Central. 9:30 p.m.

Feb 4, '07:

- Superbowl, Fox. 5 p.m.

CD Releases

Feb 6, '07:

- Fallout Boy: Infinity High
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Feb 13, '07:

- Van Morrison: Van Morrison at the Movies (Soundtrack Hits)
- Decemberists: O'valencia
- U2: Window in the Skies

Delicious punk stars rise from Minneapolis

Jenna Wojan

Entertainment Writer

Hip hop group Heiruspecs will be opening for alternative rock band Quietdrive in the Memorial Student Center's Great Hall on Feb. 2nd at 8 p.m.

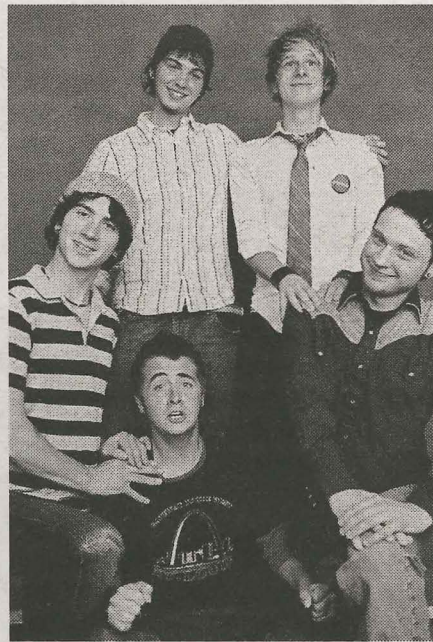
So maybe Minneapolis may not be as famous as Los Angeles, London or New York, but when it comes to being the birth place of great contemporary music, the "Mini Apple" has given the music-listening community their fair share; The Replacements, Prince, Husker Du, Soul Asylum and Atmosphere. Among these famous rockers, the baby of the bunch, but quickly climbing their way to the top, alternative rock band Quietdrive.

Composed of five attractive young pop-punkers from the Twin Cities, their recent album, "When All That's Left Is You," introduces Quietdrive as an electrifying pop-savvy band, breaking from the gate with a meaty monster-sized sound. Although the album received mixed reviews, it is certain that the record is a collection of raw rock thrills and sumptuous pop hooks.

Quietdrive has experienced a bumpy ride since its birth in 2003. After releasing three different albums under different names, they settled on the name "Quietdrive" under a deal with Epic Records.

"We've had more than our share of strange gigs," said bass player Droo Hastings. "I remember one show that included a room filled with senior citizens who sat there and ate dinner while we played."

Drummer Brandon Lainer recalls



Source: www.myspace.com

Quietdrive is a successful pop-punk band reigning from Minneapolis, Minn. and has played for local venues in Eau Claire. The band finally graces UW-Stout Thursdy.

playing at a venue with no backlights, buying flashlights at Wal-Mart, and then handing them out to people in the front row.

"We told them that they were in charge of the evenings light show. They ended up doing a pretty good job," said Lainer.

Rohan Koli, a writer for Absolute Punk, an Internet magazine, compared Quietdrive to the marshmallows that one

finds in Lucky Charms.

"While you know the actual cereal shit is probably good for you, i.e. all the cool indie bands, the marshmallows, oh-so-sugary and delightfully sinful, are the fun and delicious part," said Koli.

Opener Heiruspecs has steadily broken down preconceived notions of live hip hop by refusing to regurgitate the same old sounds you've heard before. Instead, they knock you upside the head with their impressive array of funk, soul and hard-hitting beats. Deriving their name from the Roman word "Haruspec," which means "soothsayer," the six band members describe themselves as "high energy, complex, eclectic, dark, ethereal, thick, efficient. Oh, and great."

"We're influenced by sampler-based production, old-school rhyming and real life," said lead MC Felix. "But we do everything live, nothing is sampled and we like to keep it song-oriented, to give equal space to the lyrics and the music."

Heiruspecs has opened for bands such as The White Stripes, Jurassic 5, and Blond Redhead. They have also backed up fellow Twin Cities musician Atmosphere and had a bass riff played by member Twinklejiggles, featured on the popular Tony Hawk Street Skater video game. This young group has so much ahead of them.

Tickets for this event, sponsored by Blue Devil Productions, are available for the show at the Memorial Student Center service desk or by phone at (715) 232-1122. Ticket prices are \$8 with a University of Wisconsin-Stout Student ID and \$12 for the public.

No trouble ahead for 'Turtles' as new CD is launched

Katie Kenner

Entertainment Writer

On Friday, Feb. 16, Trampled by Turtles will be appearing at First Avenue in Minneapolis for their "Trouble Ahead" CD release party. Special Guests will include The Kissers and Pert Near Sandstone.

Trampled by Turtles is a band native to Duluth, Minn. They are a non-traditional bluegrass band that mixes punk, alternative country, rock and pop into their sound. Dave Simonett, lead vocalist and guitarist said, "we enjoy traditional bluegrass but we all grew up immersed in rock 'n roll and I think our band reflects those qualities." The band is influenced by Nirvana, Bob Dylan, Bill Monroe and The Stanley Brothers.

Trampled by Turtles, affectionately dubbed "TBT" by fans, has toured all over the country and appeared at San Francisco's Great American Music Hall and The Bowery Ballroom in New York.

The band consists of Dave Simonett on guitar and lead vocals, Tim Saxhaug on bass, Dave Carroll on banjo, and Erik Berry on mandolin. Each member of the band contributes to vocals.

"Trouble Ahead" marks TBT's fourth album. Other albums include "Live at Luce," which came out in 2006, "Blue Sky and the Devil" released in 2005 and "Songs From a Ghost Town," released in 2004.

The Kissers from Madison, Wis. will be opening for Trampled by Turtles. The band is a mix of indie rock and Irish music. The band claims to be rock musicians first, but they have since learned to incorporate Irish music. The band claims their music sounds like a "bagpiper getting run over by a 1999 Ford Taurus that's on fire." The band leaves interpretation of their music open to their listeners.

The Kissers were formed by Ken Fitzsimmons in 1998. They began their career playing for two years as the Monday night house band at Madison's indie and punk music spot, O'Cayz Corral. Before his venue succumbed to a fire in 2001, it hosted legends like Nirvana, Sound Garden, and the White Stripes.

After their stint at O'Cayz Corral, the Kissers formed their current line up, which consists of five members. Band members include Joe Bernstein on drums, Kari Bethke on fiddle, vocals and mandolin, Pet Colclasure on accordion, keyboard and tin

whistle, Nate Palan on electric guitar, banjo, vocals and bass and Ken Fitzsimmons on vocals, bass and acoustic guitar. The bands main influences are an eclectic mix of The Pogues, Johnny Cash and the Pixies.

2003 marked the first full length album release of "Fire in the Belly." Their second album, "Good Fight," was released in 2005 after less than a week in the studio.

Also opening for Trampled by Turtles is the Minneapolis, Minn. native string band, Pert Near Sandstone.

Ryan Young is on fiddle and guitar, J. Lenz is on guitar and vocals, Kevin Kniebel on banjo and vocals, Jeff Swanner and Nate Sipe on mandolin, manjo and fiddle and upright bass.

The band has two albums out; "Winter Fades" and "Just Outside of Sandstone." Their third album is due in April.

The Trampled by Turtles CD release party is presented by The Onion, Radio K and area social and environmental organizations. Tickets for this event are \$12 in advance, \$14 at the door and can be purchased at Ticketmaster or at first-ave.com. The show, which is for fans 18 and older only, will start at 8 p.m.

Video contest asks:

Can you make a difference?

Katie Kenner

Entertainment Writer

The 20th Annual Video Contest for College Students challenges students to create a short film interpreting the theme, "One Person Can Make a Difference." The Christophers is a non-profit organization which uses print and electronic media to encourage all individuals to raise the standards of public life. The Christophers use the media to spread two basic ideas: There's nobody like you, and you can make a difference. This concept is based on service to God and humanity, and is addressed to people of all faiths and of no particular faith.

Past contestants have included drama, comedy, documentary, news format, music video and animation into their submissions. In 2006, Logan Smalley, a special education major at the University of Georgia College of Education, was awarded the first prize of \$3,000 for his film, "Darius Goes West: The Roll of His Life." The film documents the cross-country trip organized by a group of young men for their friend Darius, who suffers from Duchenne muscular dystrophy and uses a wheelchair.

"The talent, creativity and compassion of the students who enter this contest impresses us year after year," said Dennis Heaney, president of The Christophers, in a press release. "We may have viewed the amazingly diverse entries of two decades of student filmmakers in the years."

The contest is open to all students currently enrolled in and attending an undergraduate or graduate program at a colleges or university. Entries are judged on overall impact, effectiveness of conveying a theme, artistic merit and technical proficiency. A blue ribbon jury comprised of representatives from the media, academia and The Christophers' board of directors will make the final selection of winners. The deadline is June 8, 2007. For official entry forms or more information, visit www.cristophers.org/contests.html.

Dungeon Master's guide to grants



Drew Retherford/Stoutonia

Dungeons & Dragons has been a creative source of entertainment for generations. Now players have the opportunity to earn some money to put towards their club's funds.

By Chelsea Rickert

Entertainment Editor

So you find yourself in a tavern. A hooded man in a dark, faded robe approaches you and offers you money to fund your quest. Do you accept?

Wizards of the Coast, Inc., the Seattle-based company behind Dungeons & Dragons, is granting dungeon masters, rogues, clerics and halflings an exciting opportunity to enhance their roleplaying experience: the Expand Your Role grants program. Basement dwellers across the nation can rejoice to know that they can earn up to 20 stipends between \$50-\$1,000 to fund their college or university's D&D club. In addition, one lucky club will be named Dungeons & Dragons Club of the Year, and its members will receive a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to have a D&D game designer join their club as guest dungeon master and run a campaign.

Expand Your Role grants can be used to

launch a Web site, advertise or promote clubs locally, rent, expand or accessorize a space for club gatherings, send club members to gaming conventions, or provide food for club gatherings. To apply for a grant, applicants should submit an essay of 500 words or less, along with four photos, explaining how a grant from D&D would benefit their club. They should provide brief background/history on the club and describe how D&D has made a positive impact on their lives.

"No role in any RPG is too small," said Scott Rouse, senior brand manager for Dungeons & Dragons at Wizards of the Coast, Inc. "Everyone works together to achieve a common goal. Since Dungeons & Dragons is the original and most popular roleplaying game, we wanted to celebrate the team spirit of our nation's roleplaying clubs by providing them the resources they need to enhance their experiences."

Ben Petrus, a construction management freshman who is active in the University of

Wisconsin-Stout's People's Organization of Network Gaming, is an avid gamer who used to play the popular game. While Petrus thinks that the grant program is a positive thing, he doesn't think that it will be successive in enticing more people to play.

"This grant program could make a cohesive network of D&D gamers and bring them closer together as a gaming community," said Petrus. Since its first release in 1974, this fantasy roleplaying game has taken millions of players on imaginary adventures of epic scale.

Today, D&D is universally regarded as the original game that created the roleplaying game genre, and the inspiration for generations of game designers. Now in its third edition, D&D is enjoyed by millions of people worldwide.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and must submit proof of their club's affiliation with a college or university. All entries must be received by May 15, 2007. For more information and complete rules, visit www.wizards.com.

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Finally, there's a drama on NBC worth watching

Chelsea Rickert

Entertainment Editor

Human evolution: what is the next step in the existence of *Homo sapiens*? NBC's new hit series "Heroes," illustrates in the dramatic science fiction fashion one possibility for the next evolutionary step. In the spirit of X-men, "Heroes" tells the story of many individuals who have just recently discovered unique abilities. Characters must find a way to exist in the normal world while hiding their newfound talents from the knowledge of the public and people who might hurt them.

At the beginning of the fall season the series started out by introducing the characters, who have no connection to one another at first, but will somehow come together throughout the course of events. Hiro Nakamura of Japan discovers his ability to stop time and travel through it to different places.

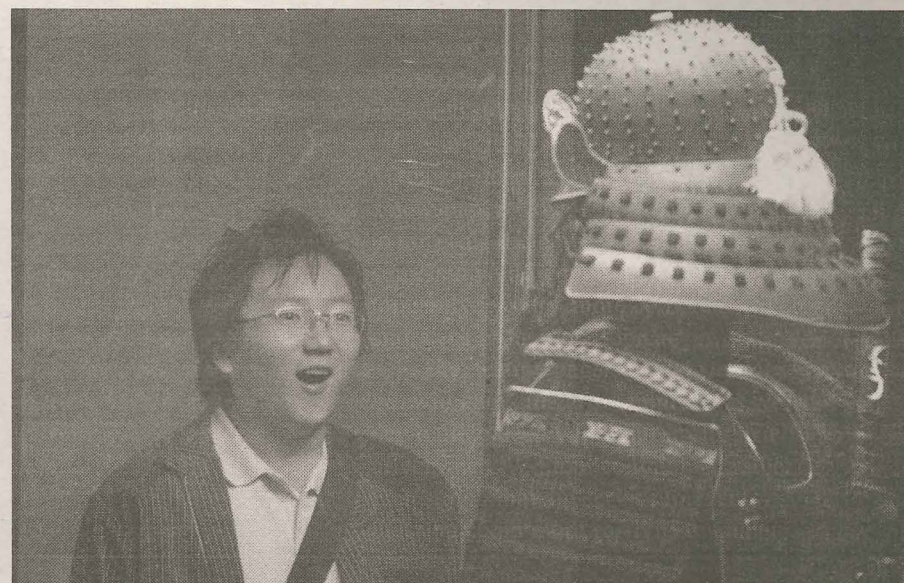
In his first attempt exercising time traveling, Hiro finds himself in New York a couple of months in the future. What he found there spurned him to return to his own time and take his best friend, Ando Masahashi, on an adventure to the United States to save a cheerleader, and ultimately,

to save the world.

Among the other extraordinary characters is the drug-addicted Isaac Mendez, who can paint the future. What he paints guides some of the characters on their quest to prevent total catastrophe and save mankind. Mark Parkman is a telepathic Los Angeles police officer. Nathan Patrelli, a New York congressional candidate, with the ability of self-propelled flight. His brother, Peter, is an empath who can absorb the powers of others when in close proximity and also has clairvoyant dreams. Still there are many other characters with abilities such as technopathy, and super human strength.

Though the show involves an extensive cast, the character development progresses as the story unfolds. The plotline is very intricate and convoluted at first, much in lieu of comics, and with the passing of time, the story arcs build into a greater, more encompassing arc.

The second season of "Heroes" reopened on Monday, Jan. 22 with a bang. New characters were introduced, including the Invisible Man, while others were killed off, like Eden McCain, a young woman with the power of persuasion who had a fatal run-in with the series' villain, Sylar. The lives of the



Source: www.heroes-tv.com

NBC science fiction drama explores the possibility of human evolution and the complications that would follow.

characters continue to connect more and more as an ultimate disaster looms on the horizon.

When the series premiered in September of 2006 it was the night's most-watched program among adults 18 to 49, attracting

14.3 million viewers and receiving the highest rating for any NBC drama premier in five years.

"Heroes" can be seen Monday nights on NBC at 8 p.m.

The beauty behind mystery meat

Ashley Smolen

Food Columnist

Cafeterias can be known as one of the most feared establishments in which to find food. Stereotypes follow this dining place like no other. Most individuals can recount at least one childhood memory that includes a mole-laden, hair net wearing, cranky woman serving cold food that resembles nothing of an edible nature.

As the transition to college life and self-sufficiency begins, dependence still remains on our campus' dreaded dining halls, where the food, though better than most, can still be unsatisfactory.

However, few individuals take the time to realize that the food found in the cafeteria has the ability to become something spectacular that would make even the lunch lady smile. Below are a few suggestions for improving cafeteria food.

Chili Madness

French fries can be topped with chili from the soup bar and shredded cheese from the salad bar, to create chili cheese fries. The same can be done with hot dogs, to create chili cheese dogs. Chopped onions are also a nice addition to this combination.

Poor Man's Caesar Salad

A breaded or grilled chicken patty can be purchased without the bun, sliced, and added to lettuce and vegetables from the salad bar to create a more filling version of this healthy meal.

Tainter Tastiness

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Women's basketball ranked 1st in conference

By Casey Nold
Sports Editor

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's basketball team won every game over break and the last nine of their games. What lies ahead for the girls will be the most challenging games of their season.

The team is ranked first in the conference and 12th in the country. On January 24, the girls beat the second-ranked team, the UW-Eau Claire 65-52.

UW-Eau Claire's loss bumped the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater into second place and UW-Stout was scheduled to play them three days after their UW-Eau Claire victory.

The team beat UW-Whitewater 65-50 with two consecutive games of defeating the second ranked team in the conference.

"The UW-Whitewater game would be challenging for the girls because they came from a strong eighth place finish with a very young team last year," said head coach Mark Thomas.

UW-Stout has a two-game lead in the

conference race going into their last four games before the WIAC quarterfinals on Feb. 24. Right now UW-Stout is in the best shape of any team to win the conference.

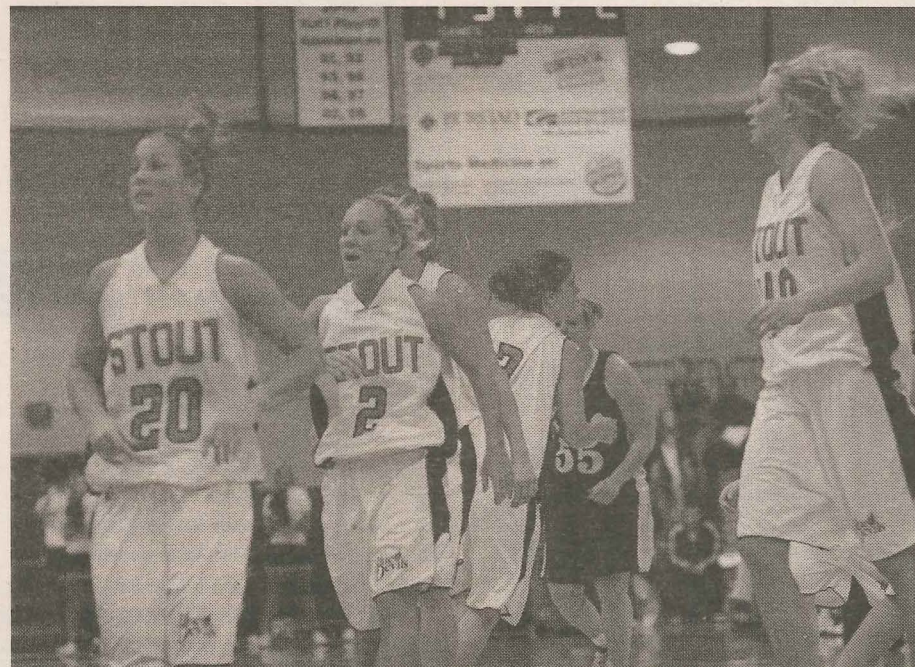
"The next four games are all going to be tough," said Thomas. "We were picked to win the conference and with that label we have got a target on our back."

UW-Stout has won the last two conference championships in a row, but with all of those things going for them, the team is still stepping it up a notch to ensure their continuous victory.

"We are working on execution with our offensive system right now," said Thomas. "We want the girls to get better at playing position pressure defense. We are trying to play a step ahead of the opponent."

Thomas also said that he is working with the team setting screens, reading the defense and defensive precision.

"These next few games we will be playing against teams that can beat us," said Thomas. "Anything can happen, but our goal is to win them all."



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The women's basketball team is ranked number one in the conference and is four games away from taking the conference title for the third consecutive year.

Coach Harlan pleased with early success of track team

By Casey Nold
Sports Editor

While most of us were still at home enjoying our last few days away from classes, the University of Wisconsin-Stout women's track team was practicing and preparing for their annual alumni meet that took place on Saturday, Jan. 20.

The alumni meet is a great chance for the girls to get a head start on their game and for the team as a whole to become aware of their strengths and weaknesses.

Saturday, Jan. 27 the girls had the chance to put their skills to the test again at their first meet, the UW-Stout open.

"It went pretty well for being this early in the season," said head coach Joe Harlan. "I think we have come a long way in a week already."

"Sophomore Kelly Schachtner performed well in shot put and weight throw and had a really good day," said Harlan. "The relay team also had impressive performances in the 4x200 and 4x400 for this time in the season."

With a fair mix of veterans and newcomers, both Harlan and the girls think this year's team has a lot of potential.

"The team is looking pretty strong this season," said one of four captains, junior Bridgette Crozier, a junior in industrial design. "Everyone has been working hard and putting in extra time on the track and in the weight room."

Captains Jasmine Patzner, a junior in vocational rehabilitation, and Taylor Mayo, a



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The women's track team is on a roll for this early in the season, but the team needs to get in shape. Coach Harlan expects his older players to step forward this year.

senior in apparel design, will lead the young hurdle crew while captains Bridgette Crozier and Stephanie Nichols, a senior in business

administration, will lead the distance crew. These experienced team members have assumed the responsibilities of teaching and

helping to mold the new faces in their respective areas.

Each area of the team has a strong mix of experienced players and newcomers that will help make the team stronger as the younger players learn from the upper classmen.

"I am looking forward to the year," said Harlan. "There are a lot of people that have worked hard and will perform better than they have in the past."

While there is much potential, it is still early in the season and the girls have a lot to work on before they can reach all of the goals they are pushing toward.

"Obviously, we are not in good shape yet," said Harlan. "It is hard to start really fast after break; it will take a little time to gain consistency."

The girls will work for a few steady weeks on training, conditioning and technical work to get them in better shape so they can work harder.

"It is still the beginning of the season so there is always need for improvement," said sophomore Stephanie Irwin, a psychology major. "We just need to keep working hard."

Harlan expects that a lot of his older players will step forward this year and achieve higher marks than in the past. He said his hope for the girls this year is that they can achieve personal bests, break school records and reach their highest potential.

"I feel really good about the team and people we have," said Harlan. "I am really excited about it all."

Gymnastics at team goal

By Josh Parshley
Sports Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout gymnastics team is putting in the hours. The team started training in early October. They are now pushing themselves by practicing three hours a day, five days a week.

"These girls workout twelve months a year," said coach Becky Beaulieu. "The team does biometrics, weight lifting and workouts in the gym." She also said that she wants the team to be more focused on quality than quantity right now. The gymnasts now have to hit their routines during practice; they are not just expected to learn them outside of practice. Beaulieu wants the team to improve their skills by that repetition and constantly strive for perfection.

The team consists of younger members this year. They are made up primarily of freshmen and sophomores, with only one current junior and no seniors. Having such a young team leaves a lot of room for potential. This young team has bonded really well thus far.

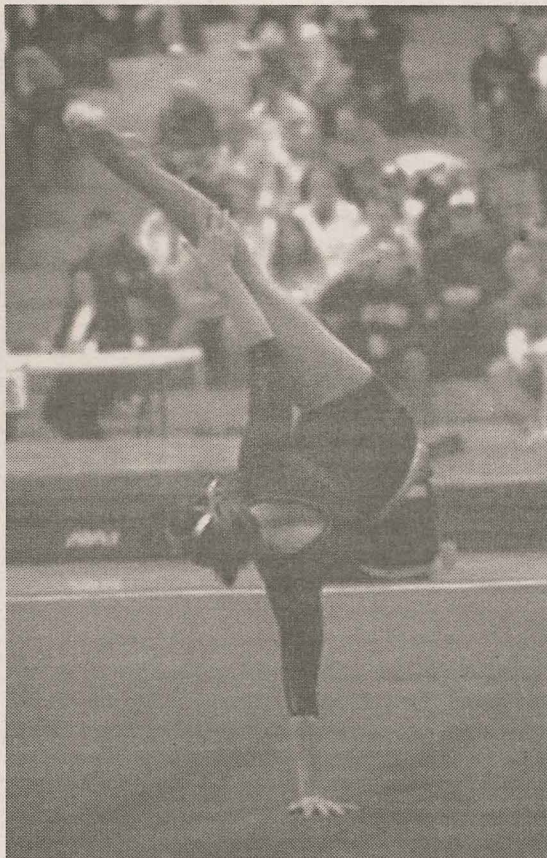
The team has two co-captains. They are junior Ashley Timm and sophomore Cassie Glover. The two have pulled the team together and are showing great leadership, which seems vital since the team is young and inexperienced with college-level gymnastics.

"The team has gotten a lot closer this season," said freshman Angela Blankenship, a dietetics major. "The team gets together for dinner a lot and we also have sleepovers with the whole team." The team seems to be going the whole nine yards to get to know each other and get along. This is great for the girls, since they will be together for the next few years.

"After a month of practice, I thought the girls looked more like a team than most," said coach Beaulieu. "The team may be young, but they don't act like it; they are very strong."

The UW-Stout team is currently standing at 3-2. Coach Beaulieu had hoped the team would be ranked in the top three in their region. At the moment, the team is marking in at third, under University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse and University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. However, the team just finished a meet where they placed second and ahead of UW-Whitewater by two points.

If you go look inside the gymnastics room where the team practices, you will find a poster inside the entrance. That poster shows some of the goals the gymnasts made for this



Contributed Photograph

Gymnastics starts the season strong with defeats over tough schools. Freshman Meghan Hargens almost beat two school records.

season. At the top of that list is: beat Gustavus Adolphus, UW-Whitewater and UW-Eau Claire. The team has currently beaten two of the three teams. The only one left is Gustavus Adolphus. Another goal listed is to make a school record. It almost happened at the John Zuerlein Invitational, which took place on Jan. 26.

"It begins with the fact that I love gymnastics," said freshman Meghan Hargens. She was on the brink of breaking two school records at the meet. She was just short of accomplishing that feat for the floor exercise and the all-around event, missing it by just one-tenth of a point.

"I have been working year round at gymnastics since I was seven," said Hargens. "I have been blessed with really great coaches throughout my gymnastics career." She also said that she likes to set personal goals for herself and work very hard to achieve them.

As for the rest of the season, coach Beaulieu is looking for continued progression. She wants the team to peak at the end of the season. The gymnasts know there is still more skills that need to be put into routines, and they plan on doing this so they can get the full value out of everyone's performance.

"It's exciting to win," said Blankenship. "Everyone is putting in effort, and it is so exciting to see the team accomplish its goals."

Men's track led by senior captains

By Casey Nold
Sports Editor

What started a few years ago as creating a great track and field team has become much more than that as the University of Wisconsin-Stout men's track team starts their year.

Four returning seniors and this year's captains Ryan Kawski, Derek Gonzenbach, Ryan Carpenter and Matt Delaney, who started their first year at UW-Stout the same year head coach Josh Buchholtz did, will be leading this team and leaving behind some big footsteps for the younger members to follow in.

Buchholtz described his '06-'07 team as two worlds: one world being the new freshmen and the other world being the seniors and upper classmen who have gained impressive records during their time at UW-Stout.

With the four captains each in a different area, Buchholtz expects they will lead this team as it grows stronger throughout the season.

"Each year we are getting stronger as a team," said Buchholtz. "The margin has grown narrower from the weakest to strongest player and that is the goal as a team."

Buchholtz said that his young, knowledgeable coaching staff is one of the best in the conference and is also one of the reasons for such a strong, close team.

"The team is shaping up very well and there is a very good team atmosphere this year," said sophomore thrower Andrew Berlin, a vocational rehabilitation major. "You can count on the guy next to you to give it his all every day."

They participate in team functions, such as going to sporting events and supporting the



Jeremy Nelson/Stoutonia

The men's track team is working harder this year to achieve personal and team goals.

other sports on campus, to help them bond.

The team started training earlier this year and added a little change to their training program, which some of the athletes feel will benefit everyone this season.

"We have some very talented new athletes which will help the team along with leadership and strength from our returning veterans," said senior captain Derek Gonzenbach, an engineering technology major. "As long as we stay healthy we should be very solid and should contend with any team in the conference."

"The team is coming along very nicely," said sophomore Ryan Harder, a hotel, restaurant and tourism management major. "If I had to sum up our team in a couple words I would say that we are balanced, extremely motivated and ready to put up some great marks in this season."

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Women's Basketball

17-3 With two consecutive conference wins, the women's basketball team was picked to win the conference again this year and is leading the conference with four games left until the WIAC quarterfinals. The girls beat UW-Eau Claire on Jan. 24 in their second meeting to avenge their only conference loss of the season. The team won every game over break and wants the conference title.

Next Game: Feb. 3 at UW-Oshkosh



Blue Devil Hockey

18-2-1 The hockey team dominated the ice over break. Winning eight games since their break ended on Jan. 5, the team has been ranked number one in the nation in the NCAA poll and second in the nation in the coach's poll. The team also beat but has yet to set the school record for most games won in a season. The team recorded their 16th win on Jan. 20 when they beat UW-Stevens Point 5-4.

Next Game: Feb. 2 hosting St. Scholastica



Men's Basketball

13-10 The men's basketball season is looking a little rocky. The team came off four victories of nine games over break. The guys came together to win the D3 desert shootout in Las Vegas, Nevada in late December. They have four games left until the WIAC quarterfinals start on Feb. 20. The team defeated UW-River Falls last night in over time 84-78. Jacob Nonemacher scored 11 over time point to win the game.

Next Game: Feb. 3 at UW-Oshkosh

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New coach, new outlook

By Casey Nold
Sports Editor

When former head football coach Todd Strop resigned a few weeks ago, assistant coach of 17 years, Duey Naatz, was asked to take his place.

The unexplainable Strop resignation will remain a mystery to the majority. The coaches were asked not to discuss the circumstances regarding the issue and have held true to their word.

"It has been a difficult thing," said Naatz. "He was someone I knew for 10 years, but we can't worry about what happened and why, our priority is the program. He resigned and then later that day they asked me to lead the program; it is something you have to do when you are a Blue Devil and you have been here as long as I have."

Naatz and the rest of the coaching staff are working on testing and weight training procedures for the players right now. Another big priority this time of year is recruiting, and they have been putting a lot of time into that.

They are working on getting each player started in the right direction for their offseason training program, which consists of a four day workout and strength and speed exercises.

Although Naatz was introduced to his coaching position without warning, he is very confident that the program will continue to grow with what he has to offer.

"It is challenging and exciting," said Naatz. "I know this university inside out and it is going well. We are getting these guys ready for next year. It is a big job and we are ready for it and we have a plan."

Naatz said that there is a different perspective and a new challenge looking at things from the head coach's position.

"I haven't had the challenge of deal-

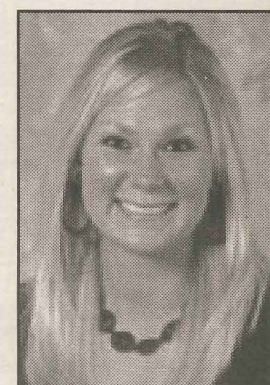
ing with the program from the head coach seat before," said Naatz. "I have to lead the coaching staff and the players. I have been in coaching so long that the rest of it will take care of itself."

One of the challenges he is already facing for next year is finding more games to play. There are only eight lined up for next season.

Naatz said that with his new responsibility he wants to bring stability and integrity into the program. He also said that he is focusing on the way he is going about doing everyday things. He wants to make the coaching staff and the team confident in what they are doing.



Kelsey Duoss, a senior from Janesville, Wis. and an apparel design major is this issue's outstanding athlete. She was recently named the WIAC athlete of the week after leading the basketball team to two victories. Duoss blocked 10 shots in the UW-Whitewater game on Saturday, Jan. 27 and set the school record for shots blocked in a game.



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6 2	321 20th Avenue #C	\$1,200	\$200	new large bedrooms, washer/dryer	4
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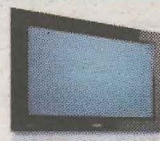
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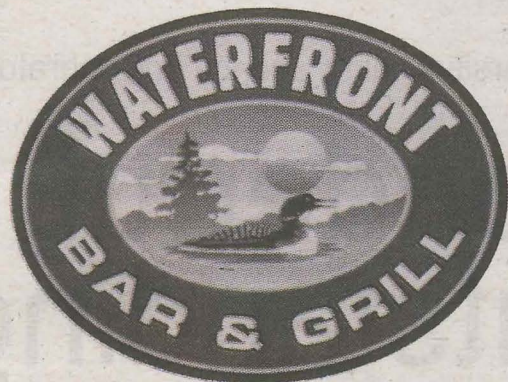
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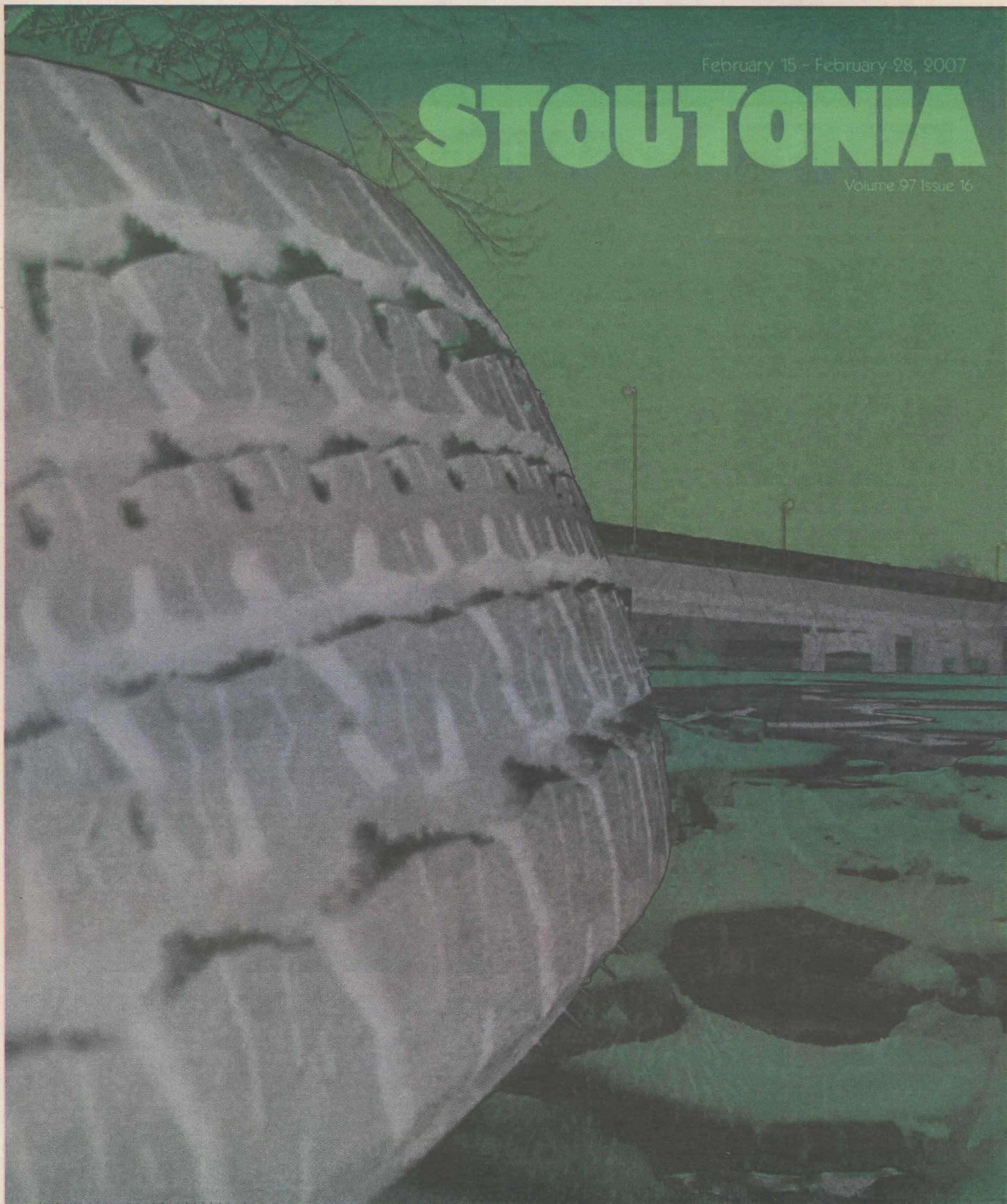
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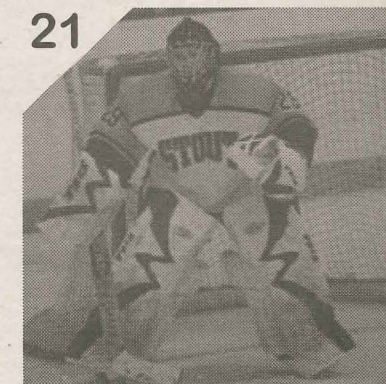
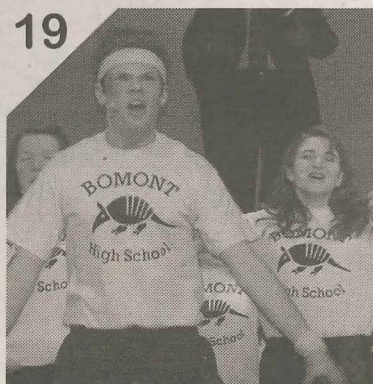
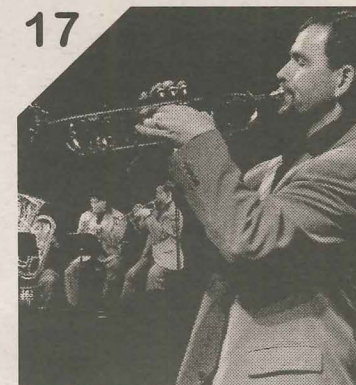
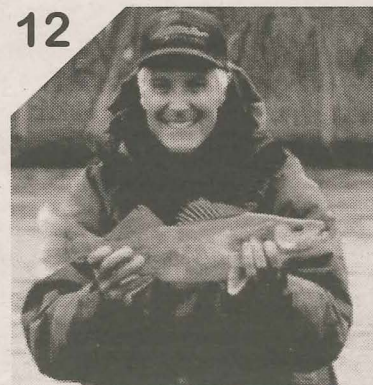
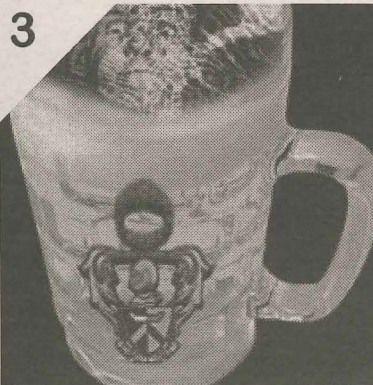
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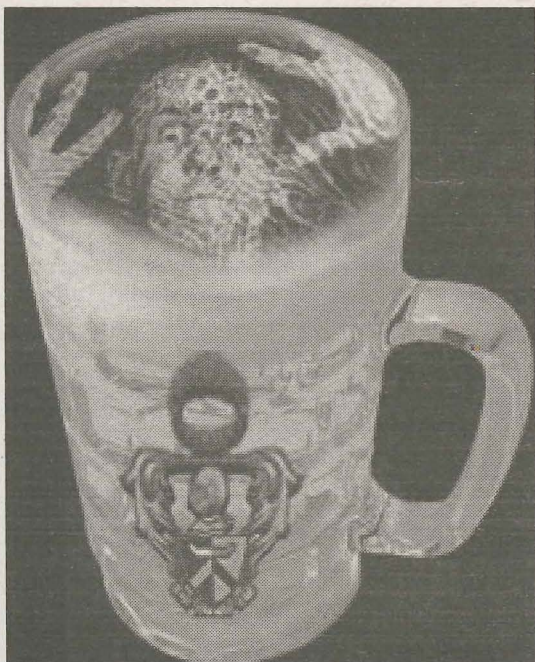
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Sig Tau suspended

133 underage citations prompt swift action



Drew Retherford/Stoutonia

By Kyle Kingston
Editor-in-Chief

In case you haven't heard, Sigma Tau Gamma has been having a pretty bad month.

Just recently the University of Wisconsin-Stout administration has put the fraternity

on a four-year suspension following the mass ticketing of their frat house by police on the evening of Feb. 1.

The Menomonie Police Department, working with members of the Dunn County Sheriff's Department and the UW-Stout police, spent at least 10 hours throughout the week organizing and coordinating that Thursday's "party patrol," according to Lt. Wendy Stelter of the Menomonie Police. Funds needed to pay for police overtime came from a Department of Education grant obtained through Arbor Place, Inc.

Police learned of Sigma Tau Gamma's party through an undercover informant, but had no idea the party would be so massive or that underage attendance would be so high, said Stelter.

According to the police report, "upon making entry and establishing two process lines, approximately 133 underage citations were issued. Three subjects were incarcerated for obstruction and resisting."

One fraternity member, who asked not to be identified, said that guests' IDs were

checked upon entering.

One underage guest, a potential fraternity pledge who preferred to remain anonymous, was unable to verify this claim but did note that the fraternity was beginning to turn people away later in the evening, prior to police officers' arrival.

In addition to the underage citations, three suspects were incarcerated for obstructing and resisting arrest: two for providing false identity information and the other for attempting to escape and for jumping bail on a prior criminal charge.

Two tenants, Andrew Lasar, the fraternity's vice president of membership, and Bryce Anderson, the fraternity's executive vice president, accepted responsibility for the party and were issued citations for furnishing, according to the police report.

Additionally, Justin Wieners, the president of the UW-Stout chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma, accepted responsibility for the fraternity's hosting the party, resulting in a citation for him as well.

According to Aaron Bergh, one of the arresting officers, the subjects were not cited for selling alcohol to underage persons because it was a "BYOB"—bring your own booze—party.

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Arbor Place grant not only for enforcement

The Arbor Place grant, which made the party patrol possible, is for \$150,000 over two years and is meant to aid the prevention of high-risk drinking by the enforcement of underage drinking laws, compliance checks with retailers and contributing to public education and awareness.

To date, only seven percent of the grant has been used. While future Thursday party patrols are more or less a sure thing, Arbor Place, Inc. Project Director Jill Gamez was quick to point out that enforcement of drinking laws is only part of the grant's purpose.

"It's not a \$150,000 grant for law enforcement," said Gamez. "[The enforcement] is just a small piece of the puzzle."

Athletes using drugs must come clean by fall

By Tony Nelson
News Editor

Starting in fall 2007, the entire University of Wisconsin-Stout football team will be tested for commonly used drugs.

The new policy stems from a Feb. 28 announcement of a drug testing and educational policy for all UW-Stout athletes proposed by the UW-Stout Football Review Committee.

After the initial testing, 25 percent of the team will be randomly chosen to be tested for performance enhancing drugs such as steroids.

The policy also states UW-Stout Athletic Department staff will administer random tests for drugs including performance enhancing substances.

Staff also can require any athlete to undergo drug testing based on reasonable suspicion and require athletes to attend mandatory educational presentations at least once a year on the harmful effects of drug abuse.

Unlike the NCAA Division III Drug Education and Testing program the university was accepted by this past fall, the UW-Stout policy would allow testing of any athlete in any sport while the NCAA only requires test-

ing of athletes who qualify for championship competition.

The policy is a result of the recently organized committee composed of Steve Terry, athletic director; Joan Thomas interim dean of students; Donna Stewart, faculty athletic representative; Bob Peters, faculty athletic representative; Steve Lindberg, community representative; Doug Mell, director of communications and John Wesolek, dean of the college of human development.

The committee was initiated by Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen after police arrested two UW-Stout football players, Luke S. Steffen, linebacker, and Nicholas A. OrRico, a reserve linebacker, for drug charges, including possession of steroids during a drug investigation on Dec. 15.

Doug Mell, UW-Stout communications director said once Steffen and OrRico have gone through the legal process, UW-Stout administration will evaluate their future status as students.

Local citizens band together to fight proposed mine

Fate of Hoffman Hills hangs in balance

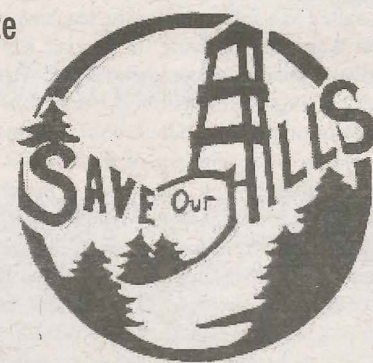
By Kyle Kingston
Editor-in-Chief

Save Our Hills is a group of over 100 citizens in the Menomonie area and surrounding townships who have organized in the hopes of spreading the word about—and thereby discouraging—a proposed silica mine that would be carved out of approximately 430 acres near wildlife areas.

Proppant Specialists of Brady, Tex., is proposing to mine a silica sand quarry on land owned by Darold Lausted next to Hoffman Hills, a Wisconsin State Recreational area known not only for its providing a habitat for birds on the threatened species list, but for its magnificent view.

"The observation tower in Hoffman Hills is the highest point in Dunn County," said Jim Janowak, superintendent for the Red Cedar Trail. "On a clear day, you can see all the way to Menomonie and beyond."

According to Janowak, if the mine were to go through, the view from the observation tower to the west would be directly overlooking the sand mine.



Air pollution, noise pollution and disruption of wildlife are, at this proximity, guaranteed.

A few other disturbing things, according to information from Save Our Hills: the actual quarry would be about 80 acres, with 20-acre sites mined at one time and then reclaimed; about 100 truckloads of sand would leave the quarry per day during a 36-week season; the sand would be shipped out of the area by about 20 rail cars a day. Finally, the project would last 20 to 25 years.

To aid Save Our Hills in their cause, a link to an online petition can be found on their Web site, <http://saveourhills.net>.

A life remembered, a friend mourned

By Brittany Bean
Staff Writer

"I like trying to figure people out and understand what makes us work the way we do. I don't take things for granted and on any given day you can probably catch me asking questions about all the little things that just pass us by all the time. Life is a beautiful thing to be living and I want to experience as much of it as I can."

—Christian Ward, 1983-2007

Those are the words Christian "Moj" Ward wrote on his MySpace profile to describe himself. Countless friends and family



Christian "Moj" Ward

are now mourning the fact that Ward's opportunity to experience as much of life as he could has tragically been cut short.

On Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2007, Ward died unexpectedly at the young age of 23. Although Ward's life may have ended too soon it did not end without accomplishments. Ward wrote that "life is a beautiful thing"; the many friends he left behind would agree that it was Ward's presence that helped to make their lives beautiful.

Ward, a 2006 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Stout, had recently started teaching at McKinley Middle School in Kenosha, Wis. When Robert Horan, Ph.D., was called as a reference for the teaching position Ward was applying for, he was happy to give a positive recommendation. "He's playful enough, but sensitive," Horan said of Ward working with middle school students.

Horan is the director of the University Honors Program that Ward was a member of since his freshmen year. Horan said that Ward was an active participant in the UHP, attending activities such as colloquiums and end-of-the-year picnics. The honors program was one of the places where Ward had a role; he was known and respected by people, Horan said.

When Ward arrived at UW-Stout, he moved onto the fourth floor of Wigen Hall — the honors floor. It was only the second or third year of the honors floor in the dorm, and Ward quickly transformed it into a social center of activity.

"We had students in honors who thought this was going to be a quiet floor," Horan said. "But when Mr. Ward got there, it was definitely not quiet."

Ward was very interactive, organizing activities like hallway soccer in the middle of the night and a philosopher's club that discussed the meaning of life un-

til the late hours.

Ward became the "unofficial prince of fourth Wigen," Horan said.

And what would a prince be without adventures?

Dan Jenstad, a former honors floor occupant, recounted one such escapade: "I remember the hallway luge. There were a few of those mini-skateboards Drew and him (Ward) had bought to mess around with. One person did their best to lie down on the tiny skateboard while the other grabbed the person's legs and pushed them down the hallway."

Tom Gunn, who was Ward's neighbor in Wigen before becoming his roommate in the suites last year, described how Ward's random spontaneity made fourth floor what it was.

"He was very persuasive," Gunn said. "He would come in the room and say 'C'mon, let's go play,' and he wouldn't give up until you went."

Ward's love to "play" led him to be involved in soccer, volleyball, racquetball, kayaking, and more. However, he was also active in leadership roles.

During Ward's last semester in Wigen, he joined the Wigen Hall Council as Gunn's vice president, which, according to Gunn, was a "shady deal."

"It was like whenever fourth floor wanted or needed something, Moj would just make a mere suggestion, and I would carry it through," Gunn said, laughing.

Ward's leadership in Wigen, although possibly biased toward his beloved fourth floor, carried over into his role in UW-Stout's Black Student Union. Ward, whose parents are African-American and Caucasian, was a strong asset to the organization, said Jasmine Patzner, president of the BSU.

"He came into the BSU with so much to offer us and jumped right into any activity. He was really down-to-earth and gave meaningful advice," Patzner said.

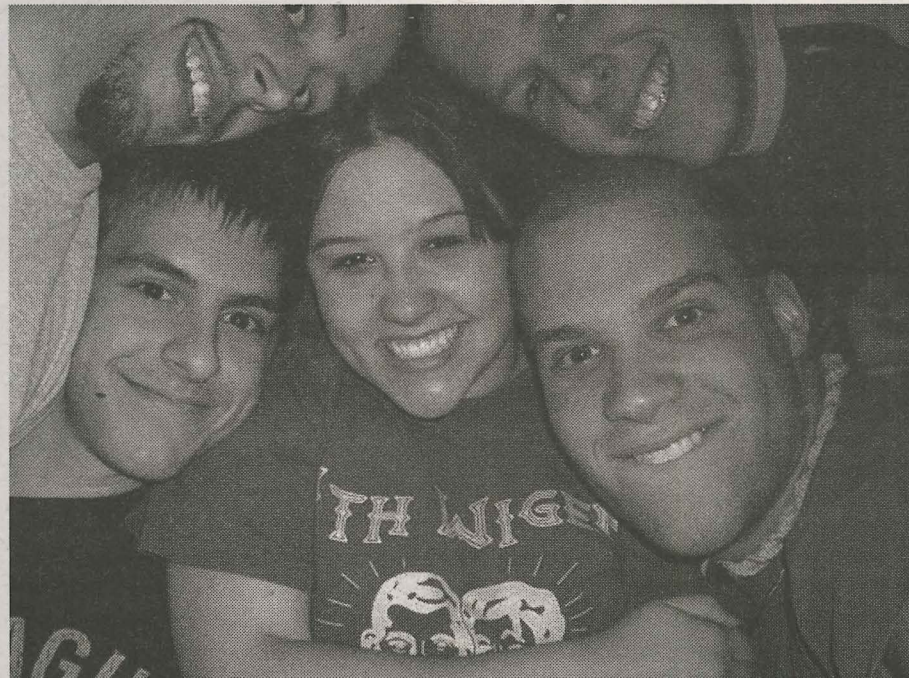
Ward was part of a panel last year that discussed what it was like to be non-white and live in Menomonie, Wis. "At Stout, he met a lot of people who didn't know any black people or mixed-race people," Horan said. "He was frequently in a position of explaining this to new people he met. He didn't bear any grudges...But I think it wore on him. Race is fatiguing to everyone, and he was sensitive to it."

Patzner said that Ward will be greatly missed by everybody in the BSU who was affected by his good-willed nature.

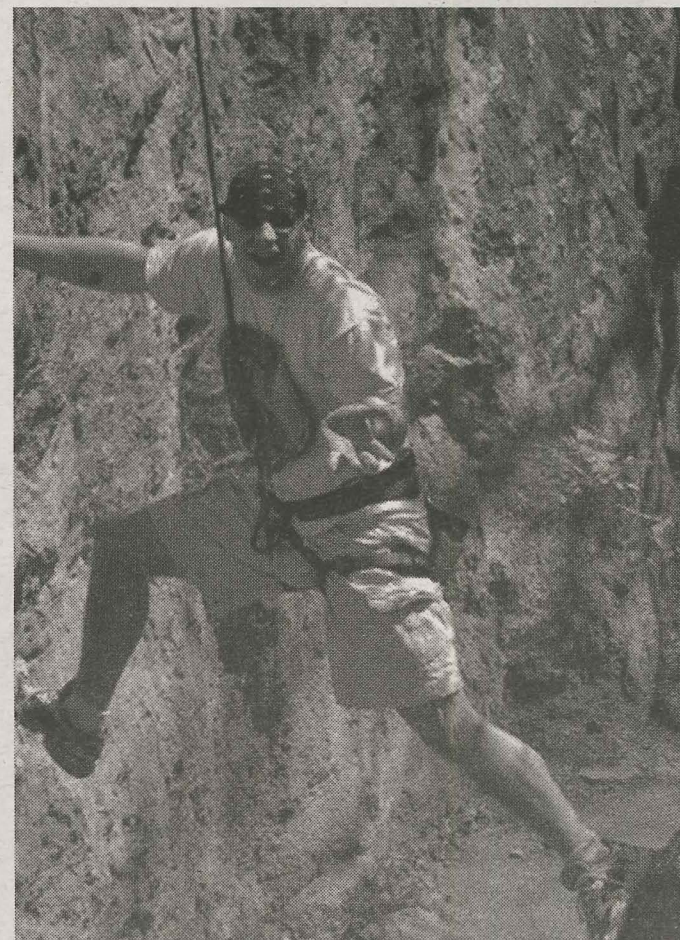
"He always brought a little bit of light with him wherever he went," Patzner said.

Many other friends echo this sentiment.

"He had an amazing energy around him, like an aura. He was always willing to help me with whatever I needed and if he couldn't help, he'd find someone who could.



Christian Ward, a 2006 UW-Stout graduate, died on Jan. 31, 2007 at the age of 23. "Moj," as his friends called him, was known as a leader and his spontaneity, but mostly for his humor. Dan Jenstad, above left, Leigh-Anna Fournelle and Christian Ward mug for the camera. Jenstad and Fournelle, both former Wigen neighbors attest to his friendship and how he will be missed. Ward, right, loved to play ad was in many activities including soccer, volleyball, kayaking and climbing.



Contributed photographs

I really appreciate all that he was for me," Jenstad said.

Leigh-Anna Fournelle, a good-friend and former Wigen-neighbor of Ward's, attributes who she is today to Ward's influence in her life. "He was so genuine. He was different from anyone I have ever known, and I do not expect to ever find someone amazing enough to replace him. There is something so big missing from me now that he is gone," Fournelle said.

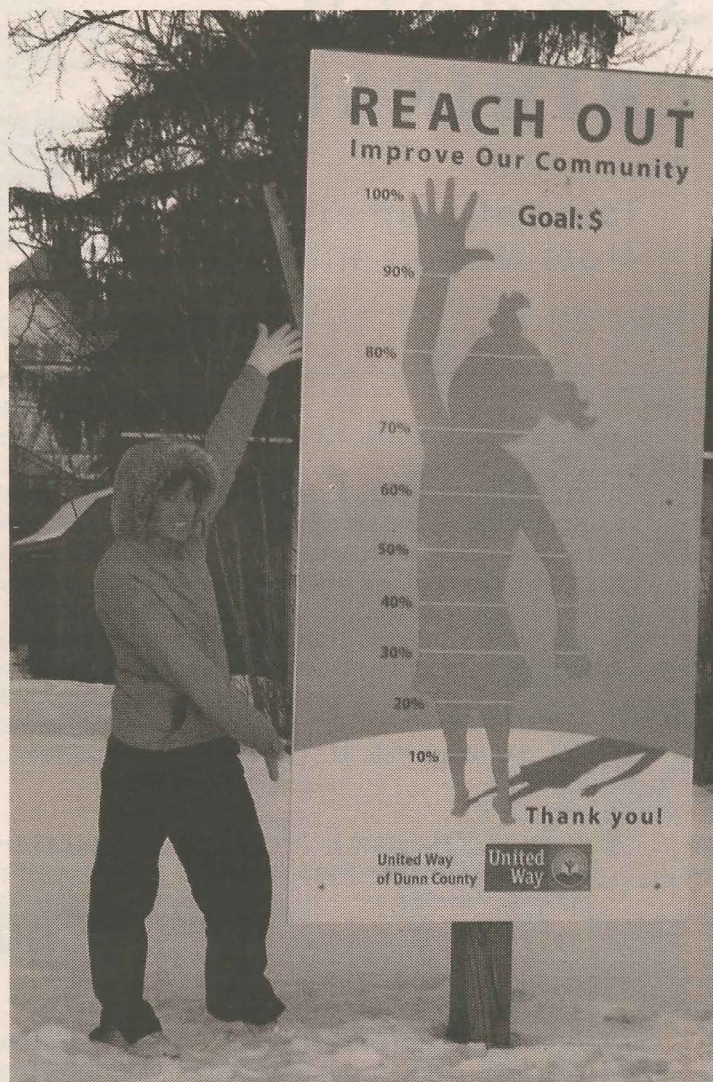
Many people are experiencing that emp-

tiness. Ward was unique in the fact that he was not afraid to befriend anyone no matter what crowd they hung out with or what type of person they were "classified" as.

"There were people he would watch movies with, read with or sit and talk with. He was a lot of different friends to a lot of differ-

Ward continues on page 7

Where those cool posters came from and why



As you have driven around Menomonie these past few days, you may have noticed two new United Way campaign posters.

The posters were designed by art students at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

During fall 2006, art students in a graphic design course taught by Ambica Prakash, assistant professor of design, were challenged to come up with fresh ideas and a new look for campaign materials.

Two concepts were selected by United Way to be made into outdoor posters to regenerate interest in United Way's campaign.

Andrew Beckman, far left, of Maple Grove, Minn. designed the fishing-themed "Reel in the benefits of giving" poster.

The poster is on display in Sanna Park on Broadway.

Bridgette Crozier, near left, of Menomonie designed a poster of a young girl with her arms outstretched.

Her "Reach out—improve our community" poster is located along Stout Road in East Menomonie.

Spring film series at library

The Spring Film Series returns to the Menomonie Public Library with a showcase of classic short films.

Fueled by free refreshments, film buffs Jonna Gjevre and Jean-Marie Dauplaise, both professors at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, will screen a selection of short films every Thursday in March, beginning at 7 p.m.

There will be opportunities for discussion and admission is free.

The series begins March 1 with "Landmarks of Early Film."

Jean-Marie Dauplaise, who teaches film studies at UW-Stout, will provide an introduction to the history of early film and screen a selection of works, including the thriller "The Great Train Robbery."

On March 8, "Masterpieces of Russian Animation" will be shown, which includes "The Battle of Kerjenets," a short film that employs religious frescos and icons.

Also featured are Yuri Norstein's fable, "Hedgehog in the Fog," and "Tale of Tales," which was once voted the best animated film ever made.

"Japanese Ghost Stories" will be shown on March 15 and will feature three imaginative stories from Masaki Kobayashi's visually innovative and subtly unsettling 1964 film, "Kwaidan."

"The Legendary Films of Maya Deren," whose work will be featured on March 22, will feature her best known film, "Meshes of the Afternoon."

The Spring Film Series wraps up on March 29 with "Classic Short Films: Three Definitive Works." Discussion leaders Jonna Gjevre and Jean-Marie Dauplaise will screen and discuss three genre-defining favorites, including the futuristic "La Jetee," the timeless surreal classic "Un Chien Andalou" and the comic animation masterpiece "A Close Shave."

Busted | party gets uninvited guests

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An underaged guest that preferred to remain anonymous, an 18-year-old female student, said that a great many people came to the party already drunk. She herself had brought no alcohol to the party but received drinks from other guests.

Sigma Tau Gamma is no stranger to trouble with the UW-Stout administration or with the Menomonie community. Most recently, Chancellor Charles Sorensen had put the fraternity on probationary status in the fall of 2005 for the alleged vandalism of Forest Point Golf Course in April 2005. The fraternity was to be on probation until June 2008.

In a Feb. 7 letter to Chancellor Sorensen, three alumni and former members of the SSA who remember the fraternity expressed their concern over the continuing "unacceptable behaviors" of Sigma Tau Gamma.

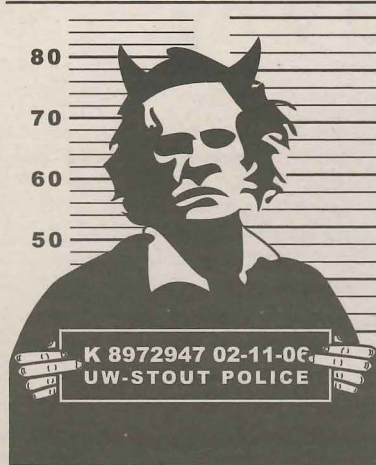
The letter, from Rome S. Cagle (SSA President '01-'02, '02-'03), David Hay (SSA



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President '03-'04) and Michael A. LaConte (Hearing Chairperson '01-'02), stated that the fraternity "has shown that it is not capable of upholding the responsibilities attached to university recognition" and that it has "fully demonstrated that it is incapable of rehabilitation and is unwilling to attempt any real change to its behavior or mode of operation."

Sigma Tau Gamma declined comment on current proceedings.



Smooth CRIMINALS

Tales of stupidity
from Menomonie

Citations Issued Jan. 29 through Feb. 4

UAD 1st: 5
UAD 2nd: 2
UAD 3rd: Unavailable
UAD 4th: 0
Possession of Marijuana: 1
Disorderly conduct: 1

Unlucky in cars, lucky on foot

A Menomonie resident called police Jan. 31 reporting a man was breaking into her car. When the police arrived the suspect got into his car fleeing the scene.

The police tried to apprehend the suspect in a car chase, but the suspect fled on foot and was never found.

Neck pain from "weird dives"?

A student who stated she could not move because of neck pain was reported to by UW-Stout police. She said she could feel fluid shooting through her spine.

The Menomonie ambulance crew was also at the scene and took her to the hospital. She told officials she had been doing "weird dives" at the pool the day before.

Guess they forgot to clean up

Officers found students drinking underage in their dorm room Feb. 2. There were open beer cans at the scene and a table was set up for beer pong.

When the officers had arrived, the room's occupants left, leaving the door open. All beer was dumped out and thrown in the dumpster.

Suspicious runners

Two males were spotted running into the field house at 2:18 a.m. on Feb. 3. It was concluded that the doors on the West entrance were not properly closed.

After searching the building they found no one and then secured the building.

Look-alike suspect

A suspicious male was reported to police on February 3. The male was standing in a stairway of South Hall.

He was reportedly African-American,

had dark hair, bad teeth, and was around five foot nine inches tall.

The suspect had made a student feel uncomfortable. When officers arrived he was no where to be found but other students reported they had seen him leave the dorm in a four-door Saturn.

Citations Issued Feb. 5 through Feb. 11

UAD 1st: 8
Possession of Marijuana: 1
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia: 1
Providing False I.D.: 1

If you can't say anything nice

On Feb. 5, a student met with her Antirim-Froggatt-McCalmont Halls resident advisor and campus police concerning a fellow student who has been using profane, vulgar and disrespectful language towards her.

They concluded that the RA would speak to the student who was harassing the young lady and if that didn't work she should seek further police intervention.

Window smashed in

A student found her car window broken when it was parked in the UW-Stout's lot 17 over the first week of February.

She went to it on Feb. 5 and was appalled to find the driver's side window smashed and told police she also believed some CDs were missing, but later found them in the car.

Online predator at large

A female student on the University of Wisconsin-Stout North campus reported a person recently instant messaging her with threatening messages. The IMer has been identified as a male and seems to know the victim's personal life including her boyfriend and hometown.

One threat stated, "I would hurt her instead of myself," which was thought to be suicidal. The IMer also knew intimate details about her relationship with her boyfriend only known by a few people. A

former roommate of the victim, whom she did not get along with, is suspected of doing this as a prank.

The victim was told to change her screen name and keep track of whom she gives the new one.

Oetting odd basement

During rounds, an RA noticed the women's lavatory in the Oetting basement that is supposed to be opened was locked. There have been recent intrusions by a homeless person and this caused suspicion. The janitor had written a note on the door saying the bathroom needed repairs and he locked it.

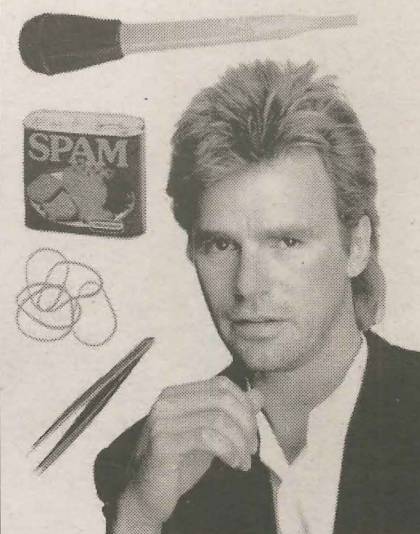
However, the proper procedure would have been to fill out an incident report and let the director aware of the situation.

Another suspicious person

A white male in his late 20s was seen around South Hall on the female floor tearing down signs and making residents feel uncomfortable.

When one resident left he followed her to the Applied Arts building and she called campus police. They came and searched the building but found nobody.

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happens at the
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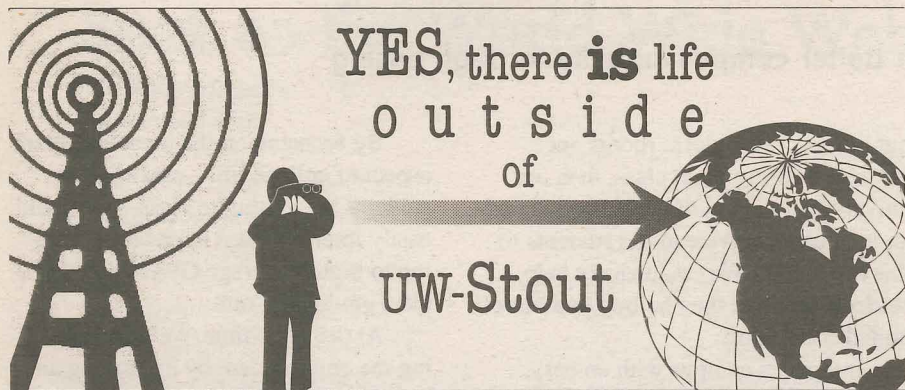
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Blizzard on Valentine's Day

A Blizzard in the Northeast swept over New York City, Washington D.C. and several other cities on the day of love. Flights were cancelled, schools were closed and cities lost power. More than a foot of snow has fallen and more is on its way.

Online dating declines

Only four years ago online dating was the biggest craze on the Web. Today the number of users has stopped increasing and has remained at a steady level. eHarmony and Yahoo personals have spent money trying to attract customers through marketing, believing the industry still has a promising future.

Business burglaries solved

A suspect was arrested in connection with a series of 12 burglaries of businesses located close to each other. The burglar will be serving an eight-month sentence for robbing businesses such as Pinch-a-Penny, Lanes Automotive and Pro Sports in Charlotte County in Florida.

3-year-old hit by truck

A 3-year-old Florida boy was hospitalized after being backed over by a truck. The boy was hit twice by a driver of a Ford F-150. Officials are currently looking for the driver, a man in his twenties. The boy's two lungs were collapsed, but he has been stabilized.

New voting system

Florida governor Charlie Crist has suggested replacing the state's touch-screen voting machines and the Southwest Florida Senator Bill Nelson is proposing a bill that would ban paper-free voting nationwide. Touch-screen voting machines have been proposed to increase voter confidence and insure accuracy.

Chrysler cuts jobs

Chrysler will cut 13,000 jobs in the next three years. The plan was announced on Wednesday, Feb. 14 to cut 16 percent of the U.S. division workforce. The cuts will be made in Delaware, Michigan and Missouri.

Farmer found dead

Authorities investigated a dead body found in Otter Tail County, Minn. The farmer had been checking on cows that were about to give birth. The body was found in the barn by his neighbor who had to shoot an aggressive cow to get into the barn.

Living in the middle of nowhere

Karen Sussman lives in South Dakota in the middle of nowhere with her wild horses she's saved from slaughter. The 60-year-old woman is known as the "medicine horse lady" on the Cheyenne River Sioux Indian Reservation. She lives alone in a trailer on a 680 acre ranch and cares for over 300 horses that have been rescued.

Ward death | forever missed

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ent people. It's hard to say who would have the best handle on who he was. He was so diverse in how he treated people," Gunn said.

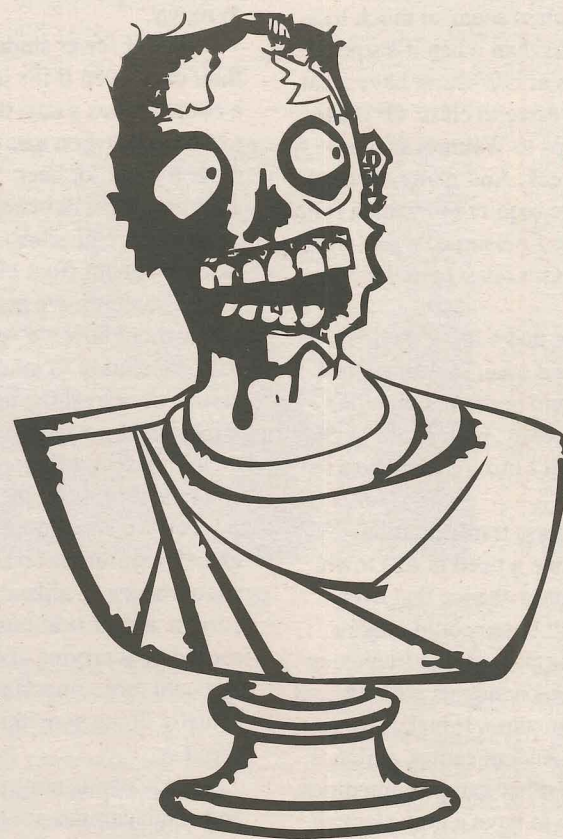
Regardless of what kind of a friend he was to whom, Ward will be deeply and forever missed by every person who knew him in a unique way. Memories will live on of the dark sunglasses, shorts and sandals he wore at all times of the year; the pipe-cleaners wound through his hair or forming a claw on his hand; the monkey-walk he would perform down the hallway with his infamously long arms; his obsession with Star Wars; the conversations in "The Nook"; and of course, his friendly habit of shouting out "Hello!"

in greeting to anyone—friend or stranger—passing by his room.

Ward's passion for people is reflected in the tears falling in remembrance of him from those same people that he loved, included and encouraged. The life many are mourning is the same one that left a trace of beauty in so many others. It is a beauty that pushes for people to understand other people, to not take things for granted and to experience as much of life as they can.

"Life is a beautiful thing..." Ward wrote.

Thank you, Christian "Moj" Ward, for making so many of our lives beautiful.



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A Modest Proposal

a plea for better campus mobility through busing

By Jennifer Gauthier
Guest Columnist

Menomonie is a small town; by far the smallest I've spent extended time in. All the dorms are within a mile or two of campus, and it's warm for about four months of the school year. We don't have big city streets, a light rail or buses, and it doesn't seem like mass transportation would be needed in such a compact college town.

But why does the stream of students going to class seem so much less in colder months than when it's sunny? Not all students at UW-Stout have a car and are able to drive to class. Or make the required trips to Walmart two or three times a week. And many of these students that are required to walk a mile and a half in the freezing cold just won't make the trip more often than they have to.

This means that a lot of students are missing class and other school events for the simple and perhaps ridiculous reason that it's really, really cold outside and they just can't bring themselves to make the trip.

Although mass transportation may not seem like a need in this town, there's a very good chance that even one or two small buses could make a really positive impact on the frequency that north campus residents without cars would make it to class. It makes sense to invest in the student center, athletics department and other campus amenities, as it's attractive to have a nice place to hang out between class, but shouldn't we be focusing on making sure the students of UW-Stout are getting to class as often as possible?

The purpose of college is to learn, and if students aren't going to class—no matter the reason—then we should be trying to fix whatever's wrong in this system and change it as soon as possible. I'm convinced that if even two small buses were introduced—each having one north campus stop on either side of Broadway and a few stops on south campus—the applied arts building, the library and up by Bowman and Harvey—would make a world of difference to those who are daunted by the cold but nonetheless want to attend classes. And if we used one of the buses in the evening to make timed trips to Walmart, more people would have the tools they need to really succeed at UW-Stout.

Public transportation could also help to remedy UW-Stout's horrendous parking problem. It's like NASCAR during rush hour out there: students racing around trying to snag the last free spot, all while trying to avoid a crash. Every student that drives to class and has purchased a parking pass from the university knows the frustration of having to feed a meter because all the spots are full. Paying fifty cents every hour on top of having bought a one hundred fifty dollar parking pass just adds insult to injury.

And if fewer students are driving their cars, even if it's just a short trip a couple times a day, they're going to save money on gas. That means more money for beer. In addition, the environment will benefit from fewer emissions and we will benefit from cleaner air. As students, we hear so much about how we're the next generation to inherit the earth. Among all the new information now available, including scientific reports and recent films on the subject, we now know that global warming is an actual phenomenon. Unlike certain current administrations, we should be worrying about this, and more importantly, actually doing something about it.

As it stands now, north and south campus are two different entities, divided primarily by age and year. This disconnection between the two is most noticeable in the different social circles of the two campuses, and the lack of mixing between the two separate communities at UW-Stout.

It's much easier to visit friends on your particular side of the town, and because of the convenience it's easy to fall out of touch with people that live just a mile away. I know I see friends of mine far less than I'd like to because of this reason. When it gets to be a certain temperature, I'd just rather not make the trip.

If we can get students

out of their warm dorm rooms once or twice a day to go to class, then our university will be doing a better job and an invaluable service to the students of this institution. We could easily help students feel like they belong to a more united community.

Imagine a campus with an easy, warm way to get to class in the morning. No worrying about whether your car is going to start, scraping ice or wasting money on gas to drive such miniscule distances. There would be time to make coffee in the morning, or eat breakfast. Or instead of a 25 minute walk in the frigid weather to see a friend, you could hop on a toasty bus with your iPod and be there in five minutes. It would be so cosmopolitan!

By focusing on the most important aspect of college life—making sure students are getting to class—we could easily improve class attendance, leading to higher average GPAs and maybe even graduation rate.

At the same time, we'd be helping the environment by improving air quality and keeping Menomonie a nice place to live. We would be helping to do something positive for the planet, instead of just talking about it. All while reducing the university's parking disaster, saving students money and time, and creating a stronger sense of community and connectedness. As part of this community and as considerate human beings, we should be addressing these issues, and as soon as possible.

Save Hoffman Hills!

By Bill Butsic
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

The Tainter Planning Commission and the Dunn County Board of Supervisors should take a serious look at the impact of the silica sand mine proposed by Texas-based Proppant Specialists.

The proposed mine will cover 438 acres and be directly adjoining Hoffman Hills State Recreation Area. Over the 25-30 years that the mine would be in operation, a significant portion of the surrounding landscape would be leveled, removing part of the extraordinary view from the Hoffman Hills scenic outlook tower.

Locating a mining operation next to a natural recreation area would have significant consequences for the park, the local economy and the citizens of Dunn County. By its very nature, an open-pit mine is simply incompatible with an area that is used for outdoor recreation, wildlife viewing, hiking, sports training, environmental education, family gatherings and weddings, and youth group activities.

Imagine what your experience at Hoffman Hills would be like when your visit to the park is accompanied by a droning soundtrack of heavy earth-moving equipment (be-e-e-ep, be-e-e-ep, be-e-e-ep!), hydraulic hammers, stone crushers, gas-fired driers and six to 10 large dump trucks per hour pulling out onto township and county roads near the park.

This constant din will also be punctuated by blasting of the sandstone with dynamite. All of the activity, as well as dust from the operations, would be visible from the park as the open-pit activity creeps back and forth along the western boundary of the park.

The Dunn County community has made a monumental investment in obtaining, developing and maintaining Hoffman Hills. The Greater Menomonie Area Community Foundation has received donations of more than \$90,000 from 80-plus families for a designated

endowment fund to benefit the Hoffman Hills Recreation Area.

Community civic groups, youth groups and individuals have donated dollars, countless hours and materials for park improvement. In 2005, community members successfully fought to keep state funding for park staffing and maintenance. We must continue to safeguard this special investment.

According to the 2005-06 State of Wisconsin Blue Book, there were 34,150 visitors to Hoffman Hills in 2004. A study done by UW Extension concluded that the average park visitor adds between \$50 and \$100 to the local economy.

This study was completed 10 years ago. Using the lower dollar figure and unadjusted for inflation, Hoffman Hills contributes a \$1.7 million positive economic impact to the county every year.

Hoffman Hills is one of the center points in promoting Dunn County and Menomonie for tourism, attracting employees and businesses to the area and maintaining the wonderful quality of life that we all enjoy and cherish.

The park has recently been listed in the *Great Wisconsin Birding & Nature Trail* as a recommended place to view birds and wildlife. The listing will attract even more visitors to the park who, based on population profiles, "tend to spend" when they visit the surrounding community.

Hoffman Hills is a quiet economic engine that has growth potential far exceeding the one-time benefits of an open-pit sand mine. As a community, let's chose the sustainable development option of eco-tourism for Hoffman Hills and Dunn County and just say "no" to the landscape changing and noisy open-pit sand mine. It's simply the wrong location.

Bill Butsic is the chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Friends of Hoffman Hills Recreation Area Fund.

Back on the World Wide Web!

By Kyle Kingston
Editor-in-Chief

There were times I wasn't sure it was going to happen. But finally, at long last, we have a home on cyberspace again.

It's funny: we're a laptop campus—the "School of Choice for the 21st Century," for crying out loud—and for the last semester *The Stoutonia* has existed solely as a printed entity. Those that went to our old URL were greeted by an ugly placeholder and slightly incomplete contact information. What happened? In the past we had great Web designers and computer experts on staff

to not only update the online version of our paper, but keep it in good working order. But as time went on, the thing got unwieldy and, quite simply, broke.

And no one was left on staff who knew how to fix it.

Now, thanks to the hosting of College Publisher and the tireless efforts of Evan Theurer, our new online manager, the online *Stoutonia* lives and breathes again, better than ever! Not just a place for posting and archiving our printed material (though we'll have that too), but much more: breaking news as fast as we can get it to you, updated sports information, areas to comment on

The screenshot shows the Stoutonia website layout. On the left is a sidebar with a 'SECTIONS' menu including Front Page, News, Sports, Entertainment, Opinion, FrontPicture, and OPTIONS. Below this is a 'Login' field and a 'Backdoor' link. The main content area features a 'Featured' article titled '"Campus groper" suspect out on \$1,000 bond' by Danielle Black in News. To the right of the article is a 'Featured' section with a cartoon character and text about 'Peeling back the paint of the past'. At the bottom right, there's a 'Nearby College Top Stories' section with a link to 'The H.E.R.B. Club'.

stories, message boards (not quite up yet, but soon), links to national news and weather... and a nice spiffy look, to boot. Subscribe to our email list and

you'll get our top stories and other content as soon as we post it.

Anyway, give it a try at www.stoutonia.com. I gotta admit: it feels good to be digital again.

A "Raw Deal" Experience.

By Sam Schuna
Opinionz Editor

11:20 a.m. It's cold outside. Extremely cold. This being the case, I was quite glad to finally arrive at The Raw Deal, having walked all the way from South Campus. As I approached the restaurant a sign outside the door piqued my interest: "Try Wheatgrass Juice For A Cold." What a coincidence; I was suffering from a rather unpleasant cold at the time, so I made a mental note to see what the deal was later.

Heading through the door, the welcoming aroma of delicious caffeinated beverages enveloped me and warm, friendly service surrounded me.

I had a good feeling about this place.

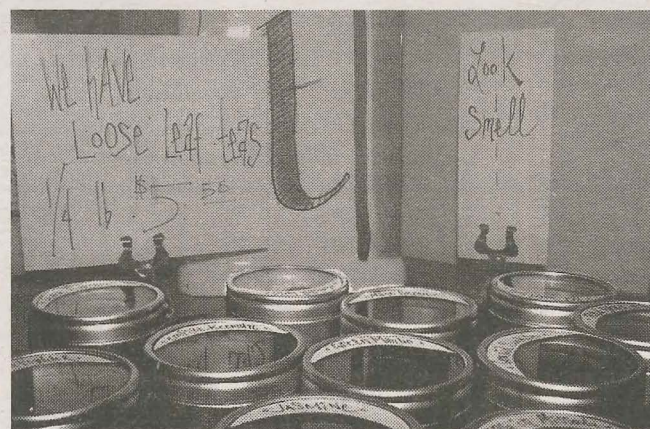
Located where Legacy Chocolates used to be (before moving down the street), The Raw Deal didn't have much space to work with. Walking in, you're confronted with the glass counter perpendicular to the entrance, which is stuffed with coconut cream bars, carrot cakes, truffles and other goodies. Across from that was the seating area, with only about five tables seating two to four people each. Similar to the Acoustic Café, there were two chalkboards above the counter that displayed a menu of assorted smoothies and fruit-and-nut beverages. Also behind the counter was a menagerie of mysterious metal contraptions and colorful ceramic bowls which were constantly in use by the two female employees working there.

Even if you're not a fan of health

food, I think it would be pretty hard for anybody to find this place uncomfortable to visit, unless you become uncomfortable around warm, loving grandmothers. Although technically I don't think any grandmothers were present, I would say the atmosphere was a lot like visiting a "surrogate" grandmother's house; these ideas were even reinforced as I could swear I heard one of the employees conversing with a "grandma" on the phone about coffee and ceramics.

"This would be a good place to write a novel," I thought. I also remembered seeing a sign on my way in advertising free wireless Internet access in the café. I decided to try that out, and sure enough I received full connectivity bars on my Mac whilst checking my e-mail.

After observing my surroundings, I decided it was time to order some food. On top of the counter were a number of assorted glass jars, all with what looked like some kind of granola in them. Among the different flavors being offered were Cosmic berry granola, Apple Spice granola and "Raw" Granola. There was also a variety of muffins available. As I pondered my selections, I asked one of the employees what she recommended, and she advised me to get the spaghetti. Upon glancing at the spaghetti, I saw a caption beside it that read, "Simply Amazing!" so I thought I might as well go for it. Although the smoothie names were amusing (i.e. I Date a Nut, Nutty Monkey, Goki-Berry), I decided to order an eight oz. Ginger Lemonade instead, and a lemon



Organic Tea samples, straight from The Raw Deal.

cream cheese bar to accompany it.

The spaghetti looked and tasted a bit strange at first, but after a couple mouthfuls it felt somewhat refreshing, almost tasting like a spaghetti salad. Everything was served cold, and the noodles were smothered in what looked like carrot and zucchini shavings, sundried tomato paste and chopped olives. Upon finishing I was pretty satisfied. The ginger lemonade didn't arrive until later because it had to be mixed, and it was a bit too strange for my taste (I eventually ordered a Citrus Sunrise juice afterward, which was better but a lot more sour!). It wasn't bad by any means, but I was not prepared for the new taste, and it was kind of lukewarm. The lemon cream cheese bar on the other hand was amazing.

I was still somewhat thirsty though, when I suddenly remembered the advertisement for the Wheatgrass drink. I approached the counter and then my eyes fell on a tray of tall, lively green grass that appeared to be plucked straight out of a garden nursery. There was a pair of orange garden snips lying on a

trimmed patch, next to a card that read, "Did you know? Wheatgrass juice can single handedly support a human life." I was more curious than ever now, so I decided to get one. Fascinated, I watched one of the employees snip off a handful of the grass and then feed it into a sort of metal crank press as she told me about all the vita-

mins and nutrients in the grass. She then placed a shot glass under a faucet connected to the press, and as she fervently rotated the crank I could see several drops of liquid kelly green in color drip down into the glass. When she was done cranking, a tube of dried and shriveled grass had come out of a separate faucet of the press, and the shot glass was surprisingly brimming with Wheatgrass juice. She slid the glass toward me.

"Down the hatch," I thought.

I swallowed it all in one gulp. It tasted like grass at first—no surprise there—but after a second or two I sensed a sweetness in the liquid that was actually kind of tasty and very refreshing.

I think I liked it.

Feeling overall very energized and refreshed, I decided to call it a meal and leave the restaurant, planning to return in the future. So all in all, if you like eating healthy, this place is definitely worth a try, but be warned; it can get pretty expensive.

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zombie socrates

Hey, kids,
it's me: Zombie
Socrates. I'm
back from the dead
and in Menomonie
for the time being, so
I thought I could do my part for society
by giving advice to you young whip-
persnappers and answer any questions
you might have about the meaning of
life, truth, justice, girlfriend/boyfriend
squabbles or anything in between. The
shop is open, so ask away!

Dear Zombie Socrates,
If two mirrors looked at each other,
what would they see?
Sincerely,
Likes Shiny Objects

Dear Shiny,
It depends on what is between
them. If nothing lies between the mir-
rors, then they would reflect—or “see”—
—nothing. Other people will tell you,
however, that if there is an object or
image in between the mirrors, you will
see an infinite reflection of that object
or image. As I stated this is theoretic-
ally true, but in actuality with every
reflection the reflected image would lose
a miniscule amount of light intensity,
dimming the image more and more after
it gets reflected each time, so it wouldn't
truly be infinite in nature.

Dear Zombie Socrates,
What wine goes good with lutefisk?
Sincerely,
Erik the Red

Dear Erik,
EGAD!!! You dare write down its
dreaded name!? My sympathies go out
to you who courageously tackles this
unspeakably hideous creation feared

by all but the craziest of men! Sir, if
you are serious in your endeavors to
consume this. . . atrocity. . . then please,
throw down your wine, for it will not
aid you in vanquishing the evil that is
lutefisk. You need a much more powerful
beverage; indeed, I believe I know of
only one that will overcome its im-
mense power: The Pan Galactic Gargle
Blaster. If you are unfamiliar with this
weapon/potent drink, directions for
mixing it can be found here: [http://
en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Bartending/Cock-
tails/Pan_Galactic_Gargle_Blaster](http://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Bartending/Cocktails/Pan_Galactic_Gargle_Blaster)

But be warned! It is said the effects
of consuming one are “like having your
brains smashed out by a slice of lemon
wrapped round a large, gold brick.”
Good luck, and I will pray for your
survival. I hope you know where your
towel is.

Dear Zombie Socrates,
If you downloaded a brain onto a
computer, what are the ethical consider-
ations that need to be accounted for to
delete it? If left alone, it could hypo-

thetically live forever. And what about
copying it?

Sincerely,
Dr. Fluke Hawkins

Dear Dr. Hawkins,
You're silly :)

Dear Zombie Socrates,
What goes good with puce?
Sincerely,
Painting the Bathroom

Dear Painting,
I'm no interior designer myself, but
I would have to say a muted burgundy
would make a very nice matching color
with puce. If you don't like that, perhaps
a light creamy corn tone instead.

If you have any questions you
would like to ask me, simply send them
to stoutonia@uwstout.edu, and be sure
to include Zombie Socrates in the sub-
ject header!

Jeff & Jim's is great! | point

By Theresa Radtke
Chief Copy Editor

Jeff & Jim's is the shit! It is cheap
and tasty food. Aside from the tasti-
ness, there are countless reasons why it
is good for you and a good choice for a
meal.

I'm not saying people should eat
there everyday. If they do that, I can
say with confidence a weight gain of 30
pounds will happen very quickly, (not
that I know from personal experience).
I do know that on many occasions I
myself was too fat to function from
indulging in the pizza there.

It's a craving that builds up in
every University of Wisconsin-Stout
college student: the craving for pizza.
One reason I like Jeff & Jim's is tied
to their hours. Friday nights (or rather,
early in the morning), it is the perfect
place to go for that midnight snack of a
slice of pizza. Since The Pawn closes at
midnight and the Commons closes even
earlier in the evening, the late night
hours of Jeff & Jim's provides a great
option for something to eat.

I don't know the exact ingredients
or calories of a Jeff & Jim's pizza. It
can't be a bad thing, though, to eat the
pepperoni pizza, for instance, because
of the toppings: cheese has calcium,
meat has protein, and the dough con-

tains carbs to give a person energy.

During these arctic chill days, a
nice hot slice of Jeff & Jim's is the thing
to do. What else could satisfy a hungry
person on the go?

I can see two problems with Jeff &
Jim's where someone may not like to
eat there. First, if they are an employee,
then being around that smell for more
than a few shifts can probably do some
damage on the desire for eating there
or not. I wonder what the people living
above the pizza place think of the smell.

Reason number two is if you
don't like pizza in general. Although I
haven't met anyone who dislikes pizza,
I am sure there has got to be someone,
and if there is I want to know why,
because I think pizza is one of the great-
est foods created. You've got so many
options for toppings, and then with the
combination of sauce and good dough,
the food just turns into a classic.

I will conclude by saying if there
is someone out there who hasn't eaten
at Jeff & Jim's, I strongly encourage
you to do so. They have menus online
filled with a variety of deals and meals
to choose from. Go to [www.jeffand-
jims.com](http://www.jeffand-jims.com) to view the menu and special
offers!

No, no it isn't! | counterpoint

By A Very Sad Clown
Clown

No, it isn't. By the sheer lack of
any nutritional information, dietary
guidelines, or simple common sense, I
can safely assume that you are the prod-
uct of a broken home, and that's okay.

The digestive process is my only
argument in rebuttal to your unfortunate
mindset concerning this particular eat-
ery. If you like your delicious, cheesy
smotherella sticks, then you must also
enjoy cursing the porcelain that you'll
be sitting on for countless trips to shit
out your soul the next day. That's
right, much like the days eating at the
Commons, this food will wreak havoc
on any unsuspecting bowel. The thin,
watery sauce that tops their pizza is
reminiscent of the runny, soupy, stools
which often share the same consistency,
often occurring the next day like a
hangover from terrible food.

If every student on campus has
cravings for this, I pity the campus as a
whole. When it's this cold out, and I'm
on the go, I don't think about warm-
ing up with a hot pizza. Sorry, maybe
I'm the only one here, but I think about
warming up with a blanket, a lover, or at
least some coffee. Late at night, or early
in the morning, as you put it, is without
a doubt, the absolute worst time of your

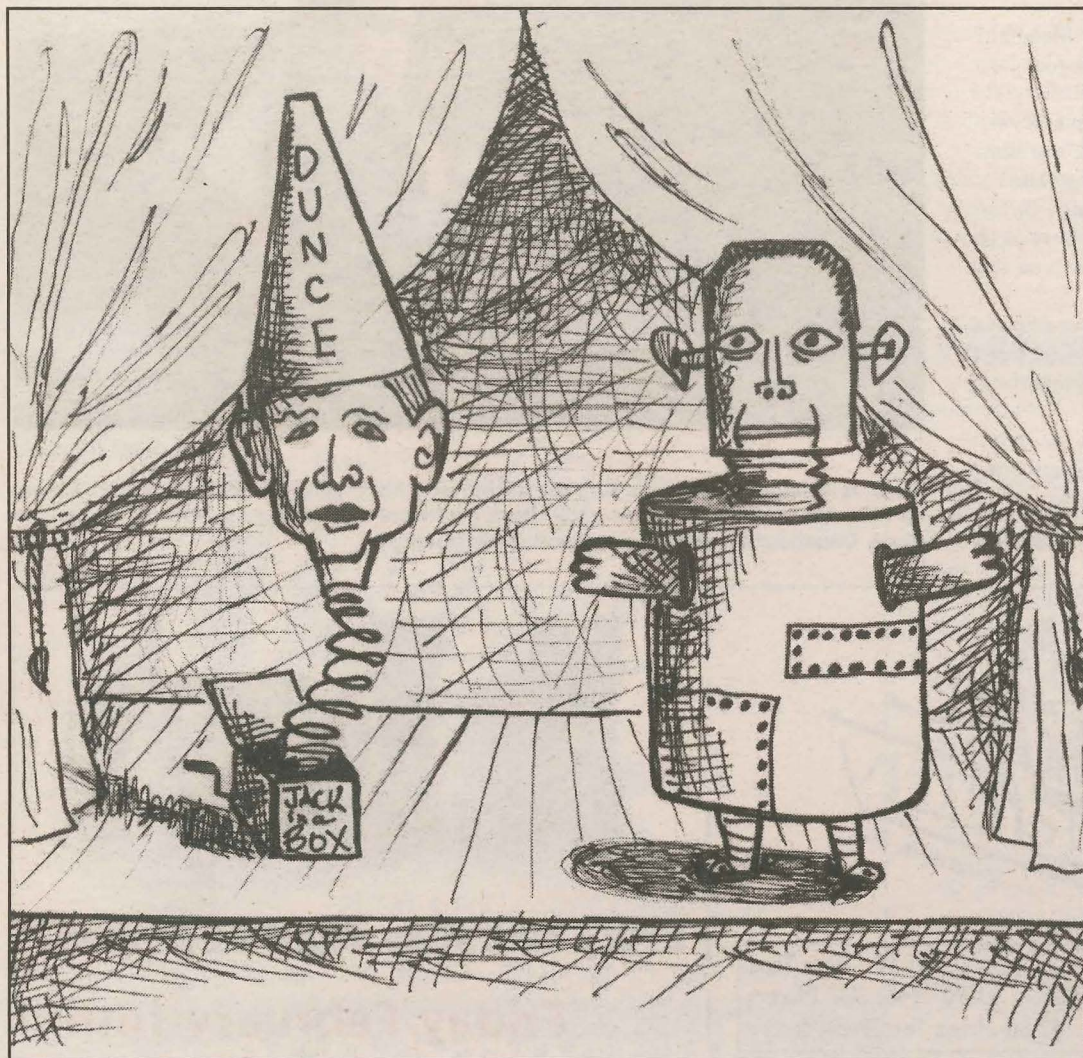
waking day to put this filth into your
body. Go ahead and eat your pizza pie
at 2 a.m., by the time your body starts to
digest and process this last meal of the
night, you'll be asleep, or passed out.
Then the dough sits, festers, and clumps
up together just waiting, biding it's
time, and then WHAM! Two coronaries
and a stroke later and you will be out of
the game for a while. Then 2 a.m. will
be time for catheter changing or bedpan
removal instead of bar close and pizza,
you stupid girl.

As far as good hours go, Wal-Mart
has good hours; Jeff & Jim's has hours
that easily lure innocent college stu-
dents into throwing away their tuition
money on unhealthy rubbish. For the
late night crowd, largely being the
binge drinkers we love so much here
at Stout, it doesn't matter what they
eat; they don't taste it anyway. With
mouths caked in cigarette smoke and
thin blood from drinking all night, late
night choices downtown are as follows:
Teddy's tube steaks (when open) and
Jeff & Jim's. That's it, two options for
late night food.

Popularity aside, the food just isn't
that good. Ted's has way better pizza,
and a larger selection on the menu. For
a great value in a great environment, try
Ted's Pizza, downtown Menomonie.

from the archives

This page features content from the Opinions section of the November 13, 2003 issue of The Stoutonia. (As we look ahead, permit us just one last look behind)



Christmas comes after Thanksgiving folks.

By Matt Schubbe
Perennial funnyman

Before I officially begin this article, I'd like to point out a hilarious irony that I noticed about my piece in last week's paper.

My article last week had a reference to my own laziness to the effect that I chose North Hall because of the elevator. As it turns out, someone wrote a letter to the editor about lazy people clogging up the elevator of Harvey Hall. I do walk up the stairs at Harvey Hall. Just thought I should point that out.

Now that I have that taken care of, I can get to the topic at hand. It's November now, and you all know what that means: Christmas.

Wait a minute, something's missing here. What's the name of the nationally recognized holiday that falls after November 1 but before Christmas? Oh, right IT'S THANKSGIVING!

With all the clever marketing of Christmas goods-related companies, I, along with several other million Americans, have been blind-sided by Christmas advertisements on or before

Halloween.

Some of you out there may be thinking: "That's not so bad; they need to sell Christmas stuff, and people need to buy it."

Well, that's not the problem. The problem is that people start putting up lights, Santas and things of that nature when it's still the beginning of November. That's just silly, for lack of a better word. We don't even have snow yet!

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas before my Halloween pumpkin has even started to rot.

I know that Christmas is important to a lot of people, myself included, but do we really need to begin thinking about all of that hustle and bustle when it is two months away? I don't think so.

Don't get me wrong here. I don't denounce the use of year-round Christmas style lighting if it's used for mood, in say, a dorm.

One of my very good friends has an impressive lighting display in what he calls "The Nook" of his room, and that's just fine. I just don't think that we need to be decking any halls just yet.

Why are new couples so annoying?

By Michelle Erdmann
'03 columnist

Is there some pill that is taken the moment we enter a relationship, making us oblivious to the single world and synonymous to the couple culture? It seems once we become a partner we forget all the things about them that we once disliked.

Although we don't need to be in relationships right now, we can't deny that they exist. They are everywhere, on the way to class, bars and worst of all malls.

While grocery shopping, we see aisles of couples rather than food. We can't avoid the sights of the hand holding, whispering

duos. Like a moth to a flame, our eyes can't help but see.

As we observe their way of life, we find ourselves wondering what they are doing right and wrong.

Couple Culture is the new term I developed to describe this other world. Everything is opposite of the "single world" and usually a little uncanny. Now this world, if viewed from a single's point of view, is full of cheesiness so thick it could fill Lambeau field.

Annoying couple behaviors can range from high to low, but from a single's eye, it's high. I don't understand the things they do, but all the same, they enjoy themselves. Maybe the euphoria

is so dense that they see through rose colored glasses.

Have you ever been on your way to class and noticed the door is blocked? Not by a yellow stand reading "Be careful, Wet Floor," but a couple.

You know, the kind that are gazing into each other's heart shaped eyes, stealing kisses every millisecond while little songbirds fly above their heads. The broken record of good-byes gives you the thumbs up confirming they have a severe case of "attached at the hip syndrome."

So, you are stuck standing and staring, trying not to be rude and interrupt their PDA session, but yet you want to say they're

being rude by making out and blocking the door.

Now this one has happened to everyone: you are stuck home alone with nothing to do except watch reruns of "The Price is Right." Your friend stops by on the way to dinner and a movie with insignificant other. They notice you are bored and have nothing to do. Being a great friend, they ask if you'd like to come along. You decline their offer, yet somehow get sucked into it. What else are you going to do anyway?

The rest of the night is spent watching them cuddle, telling inside jokes and referring to one another as "Poochie" and "Sweetpea." The only decent conversation you engage in is

with yourself, which consists of asking why did I do this? It's no fun being stuck as the third wheel.

Point taken. Stick to your guns and say no when asked to tag along with a couple.

I have no idea why some couples act the way they do, but by all means I'm not against couples. Sometimes it seems they are so involved in the "couple culture" that they lose sight of everything else. Those of us who are single don't understand this way of living, and couples do not understand the single life. Sometimes we singles feel that a part of them wants to be a member of that culture, but only with some fine-tuning.

Menomonie's best kept (fishing) secret

By Danielle Bleck
Staff Writer

Housed on the banks of Lake Menomin, the University of Wisconsin-Stout faculty staff and students use this body of water for recreation and its attractive scenery. The Water Ski team practices and hosts competitions on the lake. Students can rent kayaks or canoes and spend the day paddling around on its mirror-like surface. On special occasions the reflection of fireworks can be seen.

However, a little known fact is that Lake Menomin is actually an excellent walleye fishing spot, according to David A. Johnson, Ph.D.

Johnson, a UW-Stout professor and Operations, Construction and Management Department faculty member, said it houses one of the best walleye fisheries in the state. In fact, Johnson catches over 1,000 walleyes in a year's time on Lake Menomin. Although this is a fishing hot spot, avid fishermen keep rather quiet about it.

"People fish out there a lot and do pretty well, but don't always tell everybody about the fish they are catching," Johnson said. However, Johnson, a mem-

ber of the National Professional Anglers Association, isn't afraid to share his favorite fishing spots.

Besides fishing on Lake Menomin, Johnson can be found in his 18-foot long Skeeter 1850, a boat made especially for walleye fishing, cruising along the Mississippi River between Lake Pepin, the Alma Dam, Pool Four and the Red Wing Dam.

"There is excellent fishing there," Johnson said. The fish keep him busy as he catches 20 to 25 walleyes. On a good day he can catch up to 100.

Johnson came from a fishing-oriented family. He first got his line wet as a 2-year-old, hooked his first fish and his enthusiasm for angling grew.

"Fishing was a way of life, we didn't have television and computers. We just went fishin'," Johnson said. Little did Johnson

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David A. Johnson fosters his love for fishing with his 8-year-old granddaughter, Chloe, on Lake Menomin. Johnson is a UW-Stout professor and faculty member of the Operations, Construction and Management department.



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Because what you right ain't always write

By Jenny Stabenow
Staff Writer

There is no ham in hamburgers. Eggplant has no egg and pineapple does not contain pines nor apples. The English language was originally made up from all different languages, but that doesn't explain all of the idiosyncrasies it contains.

Words like "eye" and "I" are pronounced exactly the same yet they have completely different spellings and meanings. Allowed and aloud, chord and cord, mail and male,

poor and pore and tail and tale are the same way. It's no wonder learning the English language is difficult.

Making words plural in English can be tricky as well. There is one goose and two geese. One moose, but never two meese. The plural word of tooth is teeth but, booth is not made plural as beeth.

French fries were not invented in France and a guinea pig is not from Guinea and it's definitely not a pig. A favorite breakfast food, the English muffin, did not originate in England.

It's easy to find oxymorons in the lan-

guage. A boxing ring is square. Quicksand works slowly. Our noses run while our feet smell. When the stars are out they are visible but when a light goes out it is invisible. How can a house burn up as it burns down? You fill in a form by filling it out.

Interesting sentences can be made using the same word twice with two different meanings. They were too close to the door to close it. Since there is no time

like the present, he thought it was time to present the present. The farm was used to produce produce.

A slim chance and a fat chance are the exact same, yet a wise guy and a wise man are totally opposite. No matter how you look at things, the facts that I write are right.

Source: "The Red Letter" from Fredricks Communications

Fishing | prof knows his walleyes

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know that this lifestyle would tie in closely with his career down the road.

Before he began at UW-Stout, Johnson worked at Iowa State University's Center for Continuous Quality Improvement and was a consultant to Berkley, a fishing line, bait and tackle company. In the '90s, Berkely company merged with seven other companies, Abu Garcia, Fenwick, Stren, Mitchell, Johnson, Spider and Strand, to form Pure Fishing.

"Pure Fishing produces over 98 percent of all the fishing line that's used in the world," Johnson said. "It was fun to watch the progression of that company."

Today, Johnson still works for the company; however, he does a lot less consulting and now does seminars instead. Each year he does approximately a dozen presentations for Pure Fishing and spends time in the store with customers selling the company's products at local stores including nearby stores like the Hudson Fleet Farm and area Gander Mountains. To promote the products, he does give-aways and sometimes has drawings for products. "Doing these seminars is a way to put a person to an impersonal product" Johnson said. "It's so much fun!"

Besides having a heritage of fishing, loving the sport and working for the world's largest fishing tackle companies, Johnson also used to compete regularly in tournaments with his son Dave Jr. The father and son team began competing in 1987 and participated in nearly 40 tournaments during that time and placed in the top ten several times. However, their tournament career came to an end when Johnson's son moved across the country to attend seminary school at Duke University in North Carolina.

Even though Johnson no longer competes in tournaments, his love for fishing has not subsided. He still fishes for walleye on a very regular basis and even has a new fishing partner - his 8-year-old granddaughter Chloe.

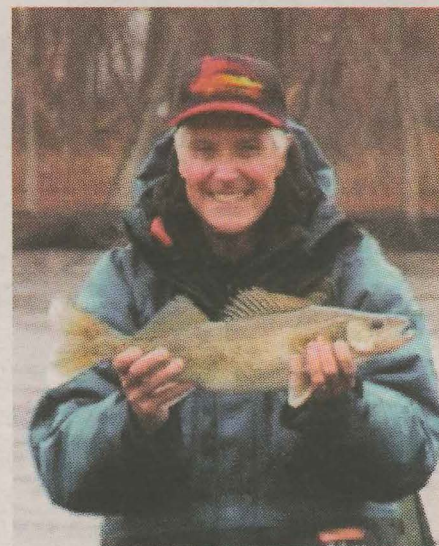
"She and I have fun times on Lake Menomin," Johnson said. "She drives the boat and catches walleyes." Even the cold weather doesn't stop the fishing pair. When

Lake Menomin is frozen over, Johnson and his Chloe still ice fish.

Recently, Johnson was interviewed by Adam Stapel, news anchor at Eau Claire's TV Channel 18 WQOW. The interview happened on frozen Lake Menomin and Johnson shared a little wisdom about fishing technology for a news feature aired on Jan. 19.

Johnson told Stapel the most difficult part about catching walleyes isn't catching them, but finding them, because if you can find them, you can catch them. He said it can be exhilarating when you see the fish using locaters and underwater cameras.

"You start seeing the fish on the camera and whether you're an angler or not you get just as excited as a kid with his Christmas toy," Johnson said.



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Johnson beams proudly as he holds a 23-inch walleye he caught in Pool 4 of the Mississippi, another great fishing hole. Johnson said on good days, he can catch up to 100 walleyes, but normally only catches about 20 to 25.

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UW-Stout RecycleMania team leading in state

By Danielle Bleck
Staff Writer

Jan. 18 kicked off the sixth year of a ten week competition between over 200 college campuses across the nation. This event is RecycleMania. The object of the contest is to see which institution can collect the largest amount of recyclables, the least amount of trash, and produce the highest recycling rate. This is done by calculating weekly the amount recycled per student living on campus and the recycling rate for the campus as a whole. The coveted prize is the RecycleMania title, a trophy, and national recognition.

This is the first year any university in Wisconsin has participated in this event. UW-Stout, UW-River Falls, UW-Eau Claire, UW-Marinette and College of Menominee Nation are all vying for the RecycleMania trophy this year. The University of Wisconsin-Stout is off to a slow start, because it is the first year done here on campus and not a lot of students are involved or aware of the event yet, however, the momentum is building.

An event was held on Wednesday, January 31 called Race to Recycle between Red Cedar and Hovlid Hall; whichever hall could come up with the most recyclables that night would win. Heidi Behnke, the student co-chair of UW-Stout's participation in RecycleMania

said "That night, we went door to door to tell people about the competition going on and collected recyclables. It was really exciting that we were received so warmly by everyone and that everyone seemed very supportive of the RecycleMania competition." Overall, they collected two full bins of 4 large bags of plastic and 3 bags of aluminum items. They also received a lot of glass, steel, tin, and paper, a full bin of cardboard and other assorted recyclable items. Jenna Haroldson chair of UW-Stout's RecycleMania 2007 and Behnke planned the event. Behnke said "We were both really happy with the amount collected—it felt like a lot!" Also assisting them in their efforts is faculty advisor Krista James and RecycleMania coordinator Bob Dodge, UW-Stout's buildings and grounds supervisor.

"Our main goal in the competition," Behnke said "Is just to spread the word, so people know what RecycleMania is about, educate the students about recycling and its benefits and lastly to try to increase our overall recycling rate on campus. We already know that everyone in the competition, including us, is a winner. Promoting recycling on campus for its environmental and economic benefits is what it is all about and hoping that students here can take a positive attitude with them as they leave UW-Stout."



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Jenna Haroldson, chairwoman of University of Wisconsin-Stout's RecycleMania, left, and Heidi Behnke co-chairwoman, stand behind their efforts. The two have led UW-Stout students to lead the Wisconsin colleges in recycling efforts.

On Feb. 2, Behnke, Haroldson, and Dodge were interviewed by WQOW News 18. A news anchor came to Red Cedar Hall, and toured the campus and its recycling facilities.

Behnke said "I think it gave us a lot of motivation to work hard and do well so that we can contact them [WQOW] at the end of

the competition and let them know where we came in compared to other schools."

Any UW-Stout student can get involved in this program by utilizing the recycling facilities on campus, and being aware of what is trash and what can be recycled.

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1 1	1402 8th Street	\$175	\$175	\$175	\$175	washer/dryer gas heat good layout	SR	3 1	802 6th Avenue #4	\$675	\$225	\$675	\$225	utilities included, parking	A
1 1	504 10th Street	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	W/D hook-ups, gas heat, large rms.	SR	4 1	1809 6th Street**	\$600	\$150	n/a	n/a	washer/dryer, gas heat,	H
1 1	220 12th Avenue West	\$230	\$230	\$230	\$230	utilities included, parking, washer/dryer close to campus	SR	4 1	1508 10th Street	\$620	\$155	\$820	\$205	close to Lammers, nice layout	H
1 1	2006 5th Street #A	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	washer/dryer very large, parking	SR	4 1	321 13th Avenue West	\$660	\$165	\$880	\$220	Super location, washer/dryer	H
1 1	1319 8th Street	\$260	\$260	\$260	\$260	Utilities included, good sized rooms, parking	SR	4 1	921 Main Street #1	\$700	\$175	\$870	\$218	good location, economical	4
1 1	1803 7th Street	\$275	\$275	\$275	\$275	washer/dryer parking, good location, large	SR	4 2	1509 South Broadway	\$800	\$200	n/a	n/a	lrg. House, nice location	H
1 1	702 4th Street	\$290	\$290	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc. storage, close to campus	6	4 1.5	414 14th Avenue West #2	\$800	\$200	\$950	\$238	modern, high eff. Gas heat, W/D a/c	8
1 1	400 1/2 Main Street #2	\$300	\$300	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc. storage, close to campus	6	4 1.5	414 14th Avenue West #6	\$800	\$200	\$950	\$238	modern, high eff. Gas heat, W/D a/c	8
1 1	1203 1/2 14th Avenue East	\$325	\$325	n/a	n/a	upper duplex, nice size rooms	D	4 2	1415 8th Street East	\$800	\$200	\$1,050	\$263	recently upgraded, great location parking W/D	D
1 1	400 1/2 Main Street #3	\$330	\$330	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc. storage, close to campus	6	4 1	1600 10th Street	\$850	\$213	\$1,050	\$263	great house W/D hook-ups	H
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #5	\$335	\$335	\$335	\$335	Great location, utilities Included Parking	8	4 2	1515 6th Street	\$900	\$225	\$1,195	\$299	spacious, close to campus, washer/dryer	D
1 1	400 1/2 Main Street #4	\$340	\$340	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc. storage, close to campus	6	4 1	121 1/2 12th Avenue West	\$900	\$225	\$1,125	\$281	large apartment, super location washer/dryer	D
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #4	\$345	\$345	n/a	n/a	Great location, utilities Included Parking	8	4 1.5	121 12th Avenue West	\$900	\$225	\$1,125	\$281	super location washer/dryer	D
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #8	\$360	\$360	\$360	\$360	Great location, util. Incl. Parking	8	5 2	405 20th Avenue East	\$850	\$170	\$1,030	\$206	great house washer/dryer garage, modern	H
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #9	\$365	\$365	n/a	n/a	great location, includes WSG & heat	A	5 2	1115 17th Avenue East	\$875	\$175	\$1,085	\$217	very lrg. Rooms W/D hook-up, newly remodeled	H
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #4	\$365	\$365	n/a	n/a	great location, includes WSG & heat, parking	A	5 2	2006 5th Street #A**	\$950	\$190	\$1,150	\$230	washer/dryer very large, parking	3
1 1	1218 1/2 9th Street	\$375	\$375	n/a	n/a	gas heat, upper duplex, great location	D	5 2	1803 7th Street	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,200	\$240	washer/dryer parking, good location, large	D
1 1	1520 7th Street	\$390	\$390	n/a	n/a	close to campus, parking, Washer/dryer	D	5 2	408 18th Avenue East	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,250	\$250	washer/dryer, close to campus, great home,	H
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #3	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	great location, includes WSG & heat	A	5 2	1415 1/2 8th Street	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,250	\$250	fabulous newer construction washer/dryer	D
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #8	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	great location, includes WSG & heat, parking	A	5 2	921 8th Street	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,250	\$250	washer/dryer, close to campus, great home!	H
1 1	421 Wilson Avenue #3	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat, WSG, hot water, parking	6	5 2	121 13th Avenue West	\$1,100	\$220	\$1,300	\$260	large, super location. Washer/dryer	D
1 1	333 1/2 Main Street #1	\$420	\$420	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat, WSG, downtown location	A	6 2	1402 8th Street**	\$700	\$117	\$900	\$150	washer/dryer gas heat good layout	H
2 1	115 Main Street West	\$380	\$190	\$500	\$250	Close to campus and downtown	3	6 2	504 10th Street**	\$900	\$150	\$1,180	\$197	W/D hook-ups, gas heat, large rms.	H
2 1	915 1/2 Main Street	\$395	\$198	\$495	\$248	good location in duplex, w parking Avail. 9/01/07	D	6 2	1603 7th Street	\$1,000	\$167	n/a	n/a	washer/dryer new carpet, very nice	H
2 1	2121 5th Street #A	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Inc. WSG, washer dryer	4	6 2	1415 1/2 8th Street	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,480	\$247	fabulous newer construction washer/dryer	D
2 1	2121 5th Street #B	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Inc. WSG, washer dryer	4	6 2	321 20th Avenue #C	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,445	\$241	new large bedrooms, washer/dryer	4
2 1	2121 5th Street #C	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Inc. WSG, washer dryer	4	6 2	115 17th Avenue West	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,400	\$233	house, location, washer/dryer Parking	D
2 1	619 13th Avenue	\$450	\$225	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat WSG hot water, excellent location	4	6 2	408 18th Avenue East	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,450	\$242	washer/dryer, close to campus, *1 month free rent!	H
2 1	619 1/2 13th Avenue	\$480	\$240	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat WSG hot water, excellent location	4	6 2	921 8th Street	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,450	\$242	washer/dryer, close to campus, *1 month free rent	H
2 1	620 1/2 9th Avenue	\$500	\$250	\$660	\$330	close to campus, large nice rooms	3	6 2	1714 8th Street	\$1,230	\$205	\$1,500	\$250	large deck, gas heat, washer/dryer	H
3 1	2215 1/2 5th Street	\$545	\$182	n/a	n/a	spacious, many upgrades, good sized rooms	D	6 2	115 1/2 17th Avenue West	\$1,260	\$210	\$1,510	\$252	newer unit, great location washer/dryer	D
3 1	2215 5th Street	\$595	\$198	n/a	n/a	spacious, many upgrades, good sized rooms	D	7 2	220 12th Avenue West	\$1,190	\$170	\$1,415	\$202	Great location, washer/dryer/fenced yard	H
3 1	1415 1/2 4th Street West	\$600	\$200	\$820	\$273	gas heat, garage, great location	D	7 2	1321 2nd Street West	\$1,365	\$195	\$1,525	\$218	large house, 1 blk. from campus washer/dryer	H
3 1	921 Main Street #3	\$600	\$200	\$765	\$255	Good location, parking, economical	4	7 3	1102 10th Street	\$1,600	\$229	\$1,870	\$267	large house, 2 car garage, parking, nice sized rooms	H
3 1	915 Main Street	\$600	\$200	\$750	\$250	good location in duplex, w parking, office/computer room	D	8 3	121 12th Avenue West	\$1,800	\$225	\$2,250	\$281	1 block from campus! Off street parking, huge house!	D
3 1	414 12th Avenue West	\$630	\$210	\$820	\$273	very large, garage storage	D								
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3 students finalists in national "Ecomagination" contest

By Brittany Bean
Staff Writer

Students at University of Wisconsin-Stout might not be as excited about winning if it meant the addition of a box full of worms to their dorm rooms. As it is, the campus is abuzz with excitement for the outcome of the mtvU and GE Ecomagination Challenge that three UW-Stout students are in the running to win.

The three-man team of Jason Burbank, Tobias Leidke and Tim Parmer had considered the idea of adding in-dorm-room com-



Tim Parmer

post bins containing red worms that would, if everything worked correctly, decompose food waste without releasing much of an odor. After discussion and research, the trio decided their final idea of a larger and slightly more appealing system of composting food waste was the stronger option.

The team titled their project "Glueckliche MicroOrganismen" because one member, Leidke, is a German exchange student studying at UW-Stout. The title translates to the "Happy MicroOrganism" Compost Train and was selected as a top 10 finalist from more than 100 submissions nationwide.



Jason Burbank

The winner of this first-ever mtvU and GE contest will receive a \$25,000 grant to implement their idea at their college, as well as a free mtvU Earth Day Concert featuring the popular band Angels & Airwaves.

Although those two rewards seem like reason enough for one to enter this contest, Parmer admits that a big motivation behind his team's project was the fact that it was a requirement for a class the three men had together last semester.

Noah Norton, instructor of the industrial design studio class where the project began, explained that he assigned the mtvU and GE mission to his entire class and gave them four weeks to complete it. The point of the project was to make an environmental impact but to do it as designers.

The class broke into teams that each researched one of four areas: grounds keeping, dormitories, food service, and waste management. Parmer, Leidke and Burbank had never met before they joined together on the waste management team to find a way to green up the campus. "Green" means efforts that are beneficial for the environment.

The beginning of their research revealed

that their team had a lot of work to do to create an idea that the university hadn't already thought of.

"We were actually pleasantly surprised by how much the campus already does as far as recycling," Parmer said. "They're very committed to environmentalism here."

Burbank agreed. "We kept coming up with all these ideas, and the campus had already looked into it and either done it or found out why it's not practical," he said.

Practicality was a huge factor in the creation of the team's final system. Burbank said that they wanted to develop a method that was not only convenient but also realistic for the \$25,000 grant they could receive.

"That's something we really focused on in our design—trying to make it so it was just as easy as it's always been. A lot of environmental modifications involve a lot of hassle, and we didn't want to inconvenience anyone," Parmer said.

So what is this convenient and realistic idea the team conjured?

According to Parmer, it's simple.

More than 50 tons of food waste is generated annually by UW-Stout. Burbank, Leidke and Parmer devised a way to compost that waste by storing it in 55-gallon plastic drums on a concrete ramp. A new barrel filled with waste would be placed at the top of the ramp. It would then begin a 40-day process of composting, which is the process where microorganisms break down food matter from other organic waste and transform it into soil. Microorganisms need oxygen, moisture, heat and agitation to keep them "happy." The 55-gallon barrels would continually roll, agitating the waste inside each of them and effectively composting it into organic soil.

Although the barrel-and-ramp method would require very little labor or energy and is, in essence, "simple," Parmer realizes more work would need to be done on it if it were to win the contest.

"I think we came up with a basic framework. We realize that should it be built, there's going to be a lot of engineers and people from the science department figuring out a lot of the little details on how to make it work," Parmer said.

There is another small road-block. As of Saturday, the team still needed to receive the Chancellor's approval to implement their plan of action.

"We have a lot of bridges to still cross if this thing gets chosen," Norton said. "But we've had nothing but positive responses from everybody."

Positive responses are coming from the student-body, as well. Posters have gone up around campus detailing the contest and the need for people to go online and vote for the UW-Stout squad. The winner of the contest is determined by student votes, mtvU, GE and top environmental experts. The voting

deadline is March 2, 2007, and the winner will be announced sometime in late March.

Norton believes Burbank, Leidke and Parmer have a good chance to be that winner because of their hard work. "At Stout, people don't give us things—we have to work for it," Norton said.

The team did work hard, and although Parmer agrees that the competition is tough, he also sees it as a positive. "The best design out there is the competition because it gets so many people who are going to be future leaders to think about what they can do to

make the world a better place," Parmer said. "I would hope [this contest] would raise the level of environmental awareness here and make people more conscious about recycling and making the campus greener."

As long as getting "greener" doesn't involve storing a box full of worms under someone's bed in the dorms, the campus is ready for a green make-over.

Go to www.ecocollegechallenge.com to cast your vote and be part of UW-Stout's transformation.

Free class teaches renewable energy

A free workshop will be offered at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., March 3 to help the average person learn about renewable energy technologies such as wind, solar electricity, solar hot water and space heating, as well as energy efficiency measures they can either use in a small scale in their own lives or bring to their colleges and communities.

Renewable Energy 101 for Universities is presented by the UW-Stout Peak Oil Committee and GreenSense to provide people with the knowledge and vocabulary to speak confidently about renewable energy to their neighbors, classmates, administrators and elected officials. Speakers from the Midwest Renewable Energy Association's PowerUp! Students for Renewable Energy program will be providing an overview of the different technologies as well as appropriate applications for each.

Everyone is encouraged to take these ideas and use them to develop their own activities or to join in efforts that are already underway. This is a fantastic opportunity for networking and gaining insight from those who have developed methods to achieve meaningful results.

If you are interested in participating in the workshop, please register by e-mail to Bob Salt, saltb@uwstout.edu, and include the following information about yourself: name, address, city, state, zip, daytime phone and email address. Bob can also be reached at 715-232-2521.

Special Olympics

By Tony Nelson
News Editor

According to Andrea Sullivan, almost 100 percent of people know the words Special Olympics," but few know what exactly go on at Special Olympics.

Sullivan, the regional director of development for the Indianhead Area Special Olympics, gave a brief talk to a group of University of Wisconsin-Stout students about Special Olympics in an attempt to recruit them for upcoming events.

Special Olympics is an international nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities to become physically fit, productive and respected members of society through sports training and competition. Special Olympics offer children and adults with intellectual disabilities year-round training and competition in 30 Olympic-type summer and winter sports.

Sullivan said two sports are on the ven-

ue for the upcoming Indianhead Area 3 District Basketball and Gymnastics Tournament. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., March 10 at the Johnson Fieldhouse on the campus of UW-Stout.

Volunteers are needed to help during the day, either for a 7:45 a.m. set-up or one of three available shifts. Duties include announcers, scorekeepers, ball handlers and other duties, but the biggest part of being a volunteer, Sullivan said, is to cheer.

David Rueber will be a volunteer. Rueber, a self-described UW-Stout super senior in the Technical Education program, has a friend that plays baseball with Special Olympics every year and he really enjoys it. Because of his friend and his love of coaching baseball, Rueber will be at the event.

"It's exciting," Rueber said. Especially when you learn you can reach the players through your working with them.

And that is a big part of being a volunteer with Special Olympics.

The Wire Top

Upcoming Music - Movies - Games

Concerts

Feb 15, '07:

- Brian Legg and Friends @ Waterfront. 10 p.m. Free.
- The Chambermaids @ Rec Center. 8 p.m. Free.

Feb 16, '07:

- Fat Maw Rooney @ Waterfront. 9:30 p.m. \$4.

Feb 22, '07:

- Baghdad Suba Review @ Waterfront. 10 p.m. Free.

DVD Releases

Feb 20, '07:

- Man of the Year
- Babel
- The Prestige

Feb 27, '07:

- Stranger Than Fiction

Movie Releases

Feb 16, '07:

- Ghost Rider
- Bridge to Terabithia

Feb 23, '07:

- Reno 911!: Miami
- The Number 23
- The Abandoned

Mar 9, '07:

- 300
- Zodiac

Game Releases

Feb 20, '07:

- PS3: Virtua Fighter 5

Feb 27, '07:

- XB360: Bullet Witch

March '07:

- Wii: Medal of Honor: Vanguard

Misc Events

Feb 16, '07:

- Casino Royale @ Applied Arts 210. 7 p.m. Free with ID.

Feb 23, '07:

- EEGAH @ Blind Munchies Coffee House. 7 p.m. Free.
- Foot Loose @ Mabel Tainter.

Feb 16, 17, 22, 23, 24. 7:30 p.m.

Feb 18, 25. 2 p.m. \$14

Dining services becomes eco-friendly

Ashley Smolen
Food Columnist

The release of Al Gore's documentary, "An Inconvenient Truth," brought about a seemingly hyperaware society, tuned into the newest fad: "going green." To go "green" can mean a number of things. To simplify, the phrase essentially means to be environmentally friendly. A quest for such achievement has begun to formulate on the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus.

Recently, rumors have circulated that the UW-Stout dining services are planning on "going green." As monetary contributors and supporters of the campus, it's important to be aware of the changes being made on campus. This is especially true in instances where students are literally putting their money where their mouths are.

Ann Thies, the director of food services for the UW-Stout dining services, offered extensive information, focusing on what changes are being made now, and what students and staff can hopefully expect to see in the future.

First and foremost, Thies reminds individuals that the term "green" means anything that can conserve natural resources, and/or lowers energy usage. Acts such as recycling would fit under the "green" category.

Taking this view to what the UW-Stout dining services are doing now to contribute to the environment's well-being, Thies stated that the campus is currently focusing on the machinery aspect. Having to feed thousands of students each day is no easy task. To alleviate some of the environmental tolls this extensive production can cause, UW-Stout has invested in new dish washing machines that are significantly environmentally friendly. Though this is only one step, the impact is huge, as the dishwashing machines are a crucial component of the dining services.

Looking to the future, UW-Stout also

plans to invest in more environmentally friendly refrigerators. The new fridges will be air cooled as opposed to the currently water cooled appliances, which is much more energy efficient. This change is not expected to take place until the Commons redesign is complete within the next year or two.

Beyond appliances, different ideas have been formulated for potential changes in the future for the UW-Stout dining services. According to Thies, composting is of high interest at this point in time. Before food waste can be composted, whether it is from the preparation of food or waste from students, many other issues must first be solved. For instance, sanitation concerns are vital in an operation such as this. Steps and precautions must be taken to ensure the safety of the campus, and so that rules and regulations of the FDA are also met. All obstacles aside, there are hopes of perhaps launching a small pilot project on campus by next fall.

In addition to composting, UW-Stout has toyed with the idea of using biodegradable food packaging by replacing the Styrofoam to-go containers with biodegradable containers. However, biodegradable containers were priced three to five times as much as the Styrofoam containers currently used. The price is slowly falling, but it is still a concern to take into consideration. In order for biodegradable containers to be beneficial, Thies said the entire campus has to be "on board." To throw a biodegradable container into a garbage can means that it would be sent to the landfill. Therefore, separate collection units would need to be implemented and utilized by the campus. Though it seems it should be easy enough, there is still a huge hurdle to overcome.

Thies stated, "We can't force 'green' on people that don't want it. In the same sense, we can't force our values or an extra cost on anyone, either."

Acknowledging the difficulty of this re-

ality is important when considering any significant change.

"At the heart of each decision is the consumer," Thies said, "the focus is the customer. If we can give them what they want and go green at the same time, that's good too."

The wants and desires of consumers are critically important to the success of the campus dining services. As individuals become more aware of their diets, organic foods enter the realm of consideration and possibility. However, Thies pointed out that our campus needs cannot be met by most local organic farmers, especially during the winter months. For what organic products the campus would be able to acquire, a higher cost to both the campus and the consumer would follow.

Ideally, the dining services would like to add an organic station as part of the cycle menu sometime within the coming years. For the time being, many questions remain as to how to establish a realistic price, and whether or not students would be willing to pay the extra cost.

Essentially, the dining services are currently taking a very realistic approach to creating a more eco-friendly operation. Many changes could come, but really, only time will tell. So many aspects have to be taken into consideration before making any huge changes in production and service. The campus is not the only variable in this equation.

In the end, the most important idea relates back to the value of the consumer and what is offered. Thies said, "Whether it's good or bad, (the consumer) should be able to choose."

The choices facing the dining services and consumers are huge. What the future will hold is still being considered. In the mean time, how the environment is treated is based on the choice of each individual that comes in contact with it.

Reasons to buy organic

- prevents soil erosion
- protects water quality
- saves energy
- better flavor
- less chemical additives
- environmentally friendly
- compassion for our world

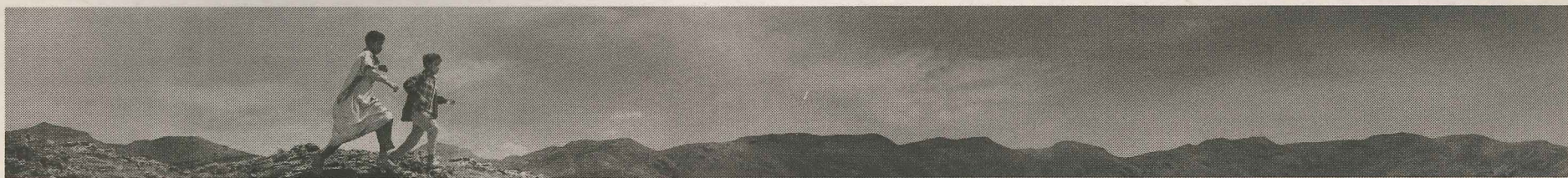
Reasons not to

- more expensive
- fondness for pesticides
- not available all year
- risk of contamination
- shorter shelf life
- hatred for mother earth

Drew Retherford/Stoutonia

The University of Wisconsin-Stout has taken the first steps toward making the campus more eco-friendly. University Dining Services already utilizes energy-efficient dish washing machines and might introduce organic food—but at what cost to the students?

Babel: a complicated film not for the ignorant



Source: www.movieweb.com

"Babel," which in Hebrew means "to confuse or confound," is a movie with a convoluted storyline that follows the lives and misfortunes of four families from different ethnic backgrounds.

Katie Kenner

Entertainment Writer

Recent Golden Globe Winner for Best Drama, "Babel," will be released Tuesday, Feb. 20. This provocative film starring Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett, gives a gritty look into four intertwining families. American, Mexican, Japanese and Moroccan families each experience tragedy.

Babel or Balal (in Hebrew) means "to confuse or confound." The movie does just this but in doing will make viewers determined to discuss it with others and ponder the meaning.

The film's plot is much too complex to explain in any sentence and would not be done justice in a review. The style of the film is much like the movie Crash. All the events that occur are somehow interrelated. The unique stories of all of these characters are put together bit by bit in segments that last two to fifteen minutes. This makes the plot convoluted and sometimes difficult to follow until the stories connect. On the other hand, segments captivate the viewers and leave them longing to find out the next event.

The major annoyance of this film would be the sequence of these segments because the movie could be straightforward and still

tell the same story. However, being straightforward would take away from Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu's directing style and the artistic value of the film.

Both Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett put on a nearly flawless performance despite the fact that they are both big name actors. Viewers cannot focus on just their two performances alone. The movie revolves equally around the rest of the characters, who also do stellar performances.

Sadly, many people attended this movie expecting a blockbuster in the making; and in turn, they neglected the whole purpose of the movie.

To be forewarned, there is quite a fair amount of subtitles in the film. Nudity and adult situations are also frequent in appearance and made several people leave the movie theater. People who couldn't look past these situations missed a thought-provoking evening.

This movie is by far the most overlooked by the general public and deserves the chance to shine. "Babel" is nominated for an Oscar in seven categories; the film has fifteen wins to date and has been nominated fifty nine times among other film awards.



Andrew Ohlmann/Stoutonia

More than Country

Texan ensemble visits campus

Chelsea Rickert

Entertainment Editor

Dallas Brass, a six-piece brass ensemble hailing from Garland, Texas, visited the University of Wisconsin-Stout on Thursday, Feb. 8.

The group blends traditional brass instruments with a full complement of drums and percussion. Between songs the ensemble performed skits to show off the different instruments that the musicians have mastered.

At one point during their performance the band invited a local 12-year-old girl by the name of Jessica and her 99-year-old great grandpa, Joseph, to the stage. The two accompanied the band in a unique rendition of an eastern-european folk song.

More information about Dallas Brass can be found at www.dallasbrass.com.



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News flash: Dance to get chicks

Katie Kenner
Entertainment Writer

Imagine walking into a bar or club and seeing a group of women standing up against the wall watching others dance. In reality, this happens all the time. You spot an attractive girl and wonder how in the world to get her separated from her posse. If only you knew how to dance, you could be alone with her to get to know her.

Wayne Schneider, a receptionist in the University of Wisconsin-Stout's Office of University Advancement knows a lot about dancing. He started dancing when he was very young, around the age of 15, because he noticed that women liked to dance. He has been dancing for over four decades and to date, has danced with thousands of different women.

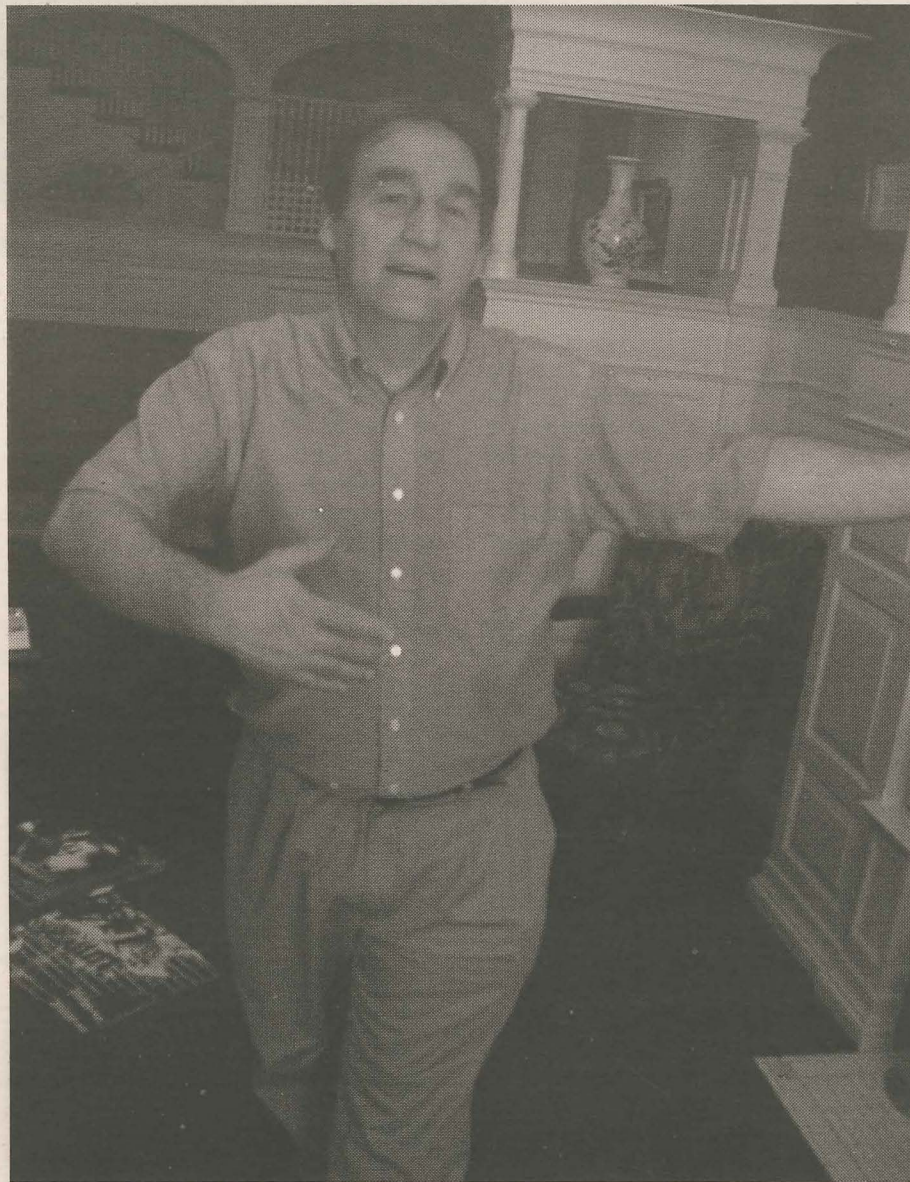
In the beginning, Schneider learned how to dance by watching others. Eventually at weddings, different dancing partners would teach him a new step or two. In the '80s, Wayne attended dance studios but had difficulty learning because the majority of instructors taught by counting and by the musical beat. With no musical background, it seemed to Schneider impossible, but by the early '90s he met an instructor that had a different technique, and suddenly things clicked. Dance moves came faster to him and the dance moves he already knew became easier. To Schneider, the technique was logical.

Schneider emphasizes that "you need to find a dancing instructor that can communicate clearly to you. Don't limit yourself to one dance instructor; try many, because one might not be your style."

Schneider is not the traditional example of a dance instructor. He does not ask for money, he does not host prestigious dance classes at a studio. Instead Schneider approaches strangers at dances and bars and offers to dance with them, in turn teaching them a move or two. Schneider tells of a recent outing at the Latigo and Lace bar in Cadott, Wis. where he and his group of fifteen to eighteen dancing friends got people out on the dance floor. Although he does not teach college students on a regular basis, he mentioned that once UW-Stout had a dancing club, where he would attend and help people out.

Dancing will not only increase attractiveness in men, but also in women. "Women like to go out, dance, be seen and do well and if guys can help, power to them," Schneider said. He also said not to dwell on being rejected but move on to another partner. "More than likely the person will see that the other woman is having fun and will then want to dance also."

Schneider has some interesting signature dance moves and tricks up his sleeve. He once asked a woman "how about a dip?" and then dipped himself instead. He has also devised a way of dancing around a woman on a swiveling bar stool. Despite his unconventional dancing style, Schneider hasn't had any major



Andrew Ohlmann/Stoutonia

Wayne Schneider struts his stuff for *The Stoutonia* and encourages everyone to dance more.

accidents on the dance floor, although he once stepped on his wife Cathy's foot during the cha-cha and prides himself on the fact that he has never dropped a dance partner.

Schneider knows a wide variety of dances including, but not limited to, the waltz, polka, disco, swing, country, East Coast swing, jive, rumba, cha-cha, and the salsa. Although Schneider learned country dancing, "I do not identify with it but definitely identify with a woman in a cowboy hat."

Schneider has learned many dances throughout the years as they became popular, such as disco in the '70s and country in the late '80s and early '90s. Wayne best enjoys the East Coast swing and the rumba and has been known to "shake his butt" on the dance floor by himself. Schneider tries to dance as often as six times per week. His wife also is a dancer and they love to go out on the town dancing, although her knee surgery has slowed them down a bit, restricting some of the fancier moves.

Schneider feels his greatest achievement would be enhancing dance in the Eau Claire area. When Wayne and his wife first moved

to Eau Claire, the dance scene was haphazard at best with only a handful of people at dance events. Now Wayne and his wife can be at an event and there will be least five to twenty people they know and can dance with.

Another big achievement in conjunction with enhancing dance in Eau Claire would be the development of his dancing Web site, found at www.dancesense.blogspot.com. This Web site came into existence through collaboration with his wife. Many people in the area have asked where to go dancing, as many of the spots are little known or not advertised. Schneider and some of his friends update the dancing dates as often as possible and if they missed an event, people will post a comment and the event will be added so that others will know about it.

The Web site provides information on all the dances going on in the area and also links to local dance venues, phone numbers to dance studios, listings of dance clubs, dance publications, area festivals and fairs. The Web site is a comprehensive guide to dancing not only in the Chippewa Valley but also lists events in the Twin Cities.

Wayne's Dancing Tips

- Don't fixate on one partner, dancing with many partners will help you learn to be a better dancer.
- Women, be patient with men; it takes them some time to learn!
- To avoid collisions, dance closer.
- A crowded dance floor is the best place for beginners to start since everyone is focusing on themselves.
- Crowded dance floors should be restricted to basic dance moves.
- Don't give up after being rejected. Keep searching for more dance partners.

Good places to learn dancing

- Chippewa Valley Dance Club
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- Two To Tango dance lessons
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- Goggin Dance Lessons/Dance
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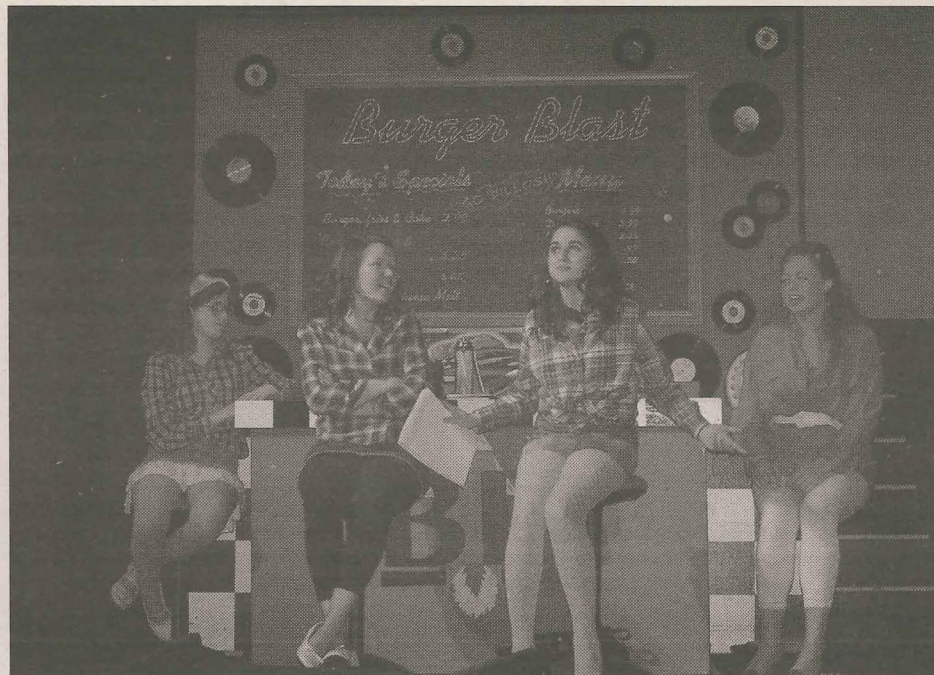
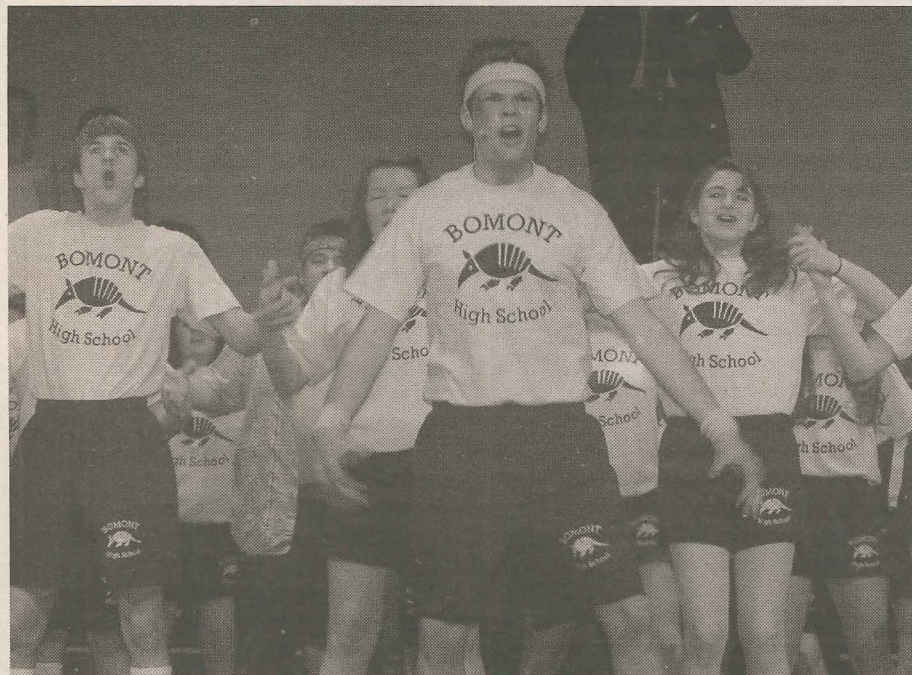
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"Footloose" cuts loose on Mabel Tainter stage



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The Menomonie Theater Guild's production of the Broadway play "Footloose" will start on Feb. 16 at 7:30 p.m. The musical is more based on the novel and loosely follows the popular movie released in the '80s, starring Kevin Bacon. The Theater Guild's production features some University of Wisconsin-Stout students and faculty members as well as members from the community. It involves vigorous dance numbers and memorable tunes such as "Almost Paradise," "Holding out for a Hero," "Let's here it for the boy," and of course "Footloose." See the Wire Tap on page 16 for more information regarding the musical.

Life in a freezer offers many options

Ashley Smolen
Food Columnist

Newsflash: it's cold. To be fair, "cold" is a grotesque understatement. Although Wisconsin citizens should expect this weather, the recent cold snap has seemed to hit with an unexpected brutality. Such brutality is forcing most individuals to mimic a wardrobe resembling that of an Eskimo. As helpful as this may be, it still seems to fall short of truly preparing one for the outdoors.

As students, it is virtually impossible to avoid the raging weather without making sacrifices to our schedules. This being said, Avoidance is not entirely necessary when proper steps are taken to prepare oneself for the daily trek of life.

This week's column focuses on foods that will warm from head to foot and hopefully keep the chill at bay by providing the warmth and comfort many people are desperately yearning for.

Grill me, baby

A grilled cheese sandwich is a perfect comfort food for winter. By making two slices of toast, placing cheese between the two, and microwaving until the cheese is melted, one has a very simple, very inexpensive, and very comforting meal. Tomato soup is now available in microwave safe containers, and makes the perfect accompaniment. A grilled cheese sandwich can also be enhanced by adding a slice or two of sandwich meat and varying the flavor of cheeses.

Hot, hot, hot

Instant hot chocolate is a very inexpensive and effective winter pleasure. To make hot chocolate richer, substitute milk for the suggested water. Try adding a dash of cinnamon or nutmeg for a more sophisticated flavor.

It's chili today

Convenience foods are making the process of staying warm much simpler. Pre-made chili is now readily available in boxes, cans, or jars. Heating and serving are the only two steps required to create this cozy meal. Sprinkle grated cheese, chopped onions, and a bit of sour cream for an enhanced flavor. For a twist, place corn chips on a large plate, and top them with chili, cheese, and other desired toppings for a wintry version of nachos.

Though the subzero temperatures are rearing their ugly heads, victory can be found. With such delicious food, one might even come to like the temperatures. Okay, so that's a stretch, but at least stomachs and taste buds will rejoice.

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Nike and Callaway to introduce new golf club designs

By Rebecca Oosterhouse
Sports Writer

The golf industry is expecting new technological advances in the way people golf.

Nike and Callaway are releasing golf clubs with a new design. Traditionally, golf clubs are designed with an oval shape, but Nike and Callaway have come up with square designs. These square drivers are meant to help the golfer hit the ball straighter and further.

The key to Nike's design is the ideal ratio between the width of the clubface and the depth of the clubhead.

The geometry used in this design increases the sweet spot of the club. Nike has also added their technology that lowers the center of gravity without using weights. This equates to a higher launch angle, low spin and more distance.

Callaway's new drivers have been designed to be the world's straightest drivers. This design expands on Callaway's weight-



www.callawaygolf.com

shifting science, which uses a number of materials in the construction of the clubhead. According to Callaway's Web site, "less twisting about the horizontal axis produces consistent launch conditions for all drives—even those hit high or low on the clubface."

"This new technology is great for the entire golf industry," said University of Wisconsin-Stout women's varsity golf Coach Kris Schoonover. "The ability of the tee shot to be more accurate, straighter and longer gives excitement to all levels of golfers."

This ability may encourage some to get out and golf more often, and those that already golf regularly to continue on improving their game.

While these new drivers may effect the golfer the most, others will be affected by the revolutionary designs of the new clubs.

According to Coach Schoonover, "Golf

retail is involved with growth in the game, and golf course grounds keepers and architects need to continually adjust to the new changes in the game, so the entire golfing industry is effected by these new clubs."

These clubs might be the next best thing in the golf industry, but who can afford them?

A handful of Web sites showed an average price of 500 dollars for Callaway's FT-i driver and 400 dollars for the Nike Sasquatch Sumo2 driver.

The UW-Stout golf program does not supply the golfers with clubs so it is up to individuals if they use this new technology.

Both of these new drivers will be hitting the market in February of 2007.



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Stout hockey shares NCHA title with new rival River Falls

By Josh Parshley
Sports Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout hockey team is heading into the NCHA tournament with great force. The team is still ranked fourth in the nation by the NCAA and fifth in the coach's poll.

The team is first in the NCHA, but is sharing it with University of Wisconsin-River Falls and St. Norbert College.

The team is ready for anything that is thrown at them.

Not only do they have momentum going into this weekend, but the team is also getting the home ice advantage.

"We are in better shape than anyone right now," said coach Terry Watkins. "We know what we have to do to win."

The team just finished playing three of the top teams in the league. According to Watkins, this helped them. Since they won't be facing anyone better, they know what to expect.

Even though the team lost three out of their last four games, it has not brought anyone's spirits down.

This was especially true for when the team went up against UW-River Falls. The team played UW-River Falls last week on Friday and Saturday.

During both games, UW-Stout played hard, but came up short.

When the game wrapped up Saturday night, the Blue Devils ended up outshooting UW-River Falls 40 to 19.



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The hockey team lost two straight games against UW-River Falls last weekend putting them in a three-way tie with UW-River Falls and St. Norbert College.

"The team's effort and execution is amazing," said junior goalie Mike Stone, a graphics communication management major.

He also said that the team has felt like a first place team since the beginning of the year. He mentions how everyone puts in the time and effort, whether it is a practice or a game.

"I couldn't be prouder," said Watkins. "This is my 40th year of coaching hockey and

I have never coached a better group of kids."

He explained how the team was before this year's seniors arrived.

The UW-Stout team then held a mere record of 5-21. However, once this year's seniors arrived, the team started to improve and climb the rankings.

For the past four years, the team has been getting consistently better. Now, the team is on top and has their sights set on be-

ing champions.

"We're just staying positive, working hard and having fun," said senior defenseman Brett Garczynski. "With that in mind, anything is possible."

He also said that the team is going to stick with what they have been doing and keep focused on just one game at a time.

This year's season has been just unbelievable for the Blue Devils it seems. If you want a visual explanation of the team's performance, you wouldn't have to go far.

The team has only lost one game at home this season, which happened to be last week against shareholder of NCHA title, UW-River Falls. With that in mind, if the NCHA tournament comes down to UW-Stout vs. UW-River Falls, the team will be more pumped than normal.

"We would love to get UW-River Falls in the finals," said Watkins. "They don't want any part of us. We are big, we are tough, we are physical."

He mentions how his team out played UW-River Falls in the two games they lost and will be ready if they meet again.

If the final comes down to UW-Stout and UW-River Falls, watch out because the Blue Devils will be out for vengeance.

UW-Stout faces off against the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point this Friday and Saturday for the quarter finals.

The puck drops at the Dunn County Ice Arena at 7:30 p.m. both nights.

Baseball team to host spring clinics

By Casey Nold
Sports Editor

With winter sports wrapping up, it is time for the baseball players to dust off their cleats, bats, gloves and helmets for The University of Wisconsin-Stout annual baseball clinic.

Kids aged 10 to 18 pour in from the surrounding areas and states to learn some new moves and practice with the Blue Devil baseball team.

This year the team is hosting two clinics. The first clinic is on Saturday, Feb. 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the field house and is aimed at players aged 10-18. The cost is \$50 per player if participants register before Feb. 23, but the costs jumps to \$60 if they register the day of the clinic.

The second clinic is Sunday, Mar. 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the field house and is aimed at players aged 15-18. The cost is \$30 for pre-registration or \$40 on the day of the clinic.

Last year the clinic attracted around 100 people. This year the hope is to get the same or better turnout, but to also try and accom-

plish different things at each clinic.

The clinics provide a chance for the participants to learn new techniques in the area that they specialize in. The participants are divided up by age and position they play. Players from the UW-Stout team take time to work with each person and each group to show them new techniques.

One thing that head coach Craig Walter said really differentiates the UW-Stout clinic from other clinics is that it is all about playing.

"This is not a lecture," said Walter. "I might talk for ten minutes or so about general things, but we try to get them out on the field and active as fast as possible. They aren't interested in me talking, they won't pay attention. They came to play so we let them play."

In past years the clinic hasn't been used for recruiting, but this year the purpose of the March clinic for the 15-18 year-olds is to take a look at the players and see what is out there. Walter said that there were a few kids they looked at to possibly play for UW-Stout that he hopes will show up to the clinic.

This year's clinic is meant to focus on

individual learning and a one-on-one atmosphere for the kids.

"We want to teach them drills they can learn and practice by themselves," said Walter. "We give them a really good basis for mechanics, pitching and hitting fundamentals."

Walter also said that he encourages the parents to stick around and watch the clinics so they can learn, too.

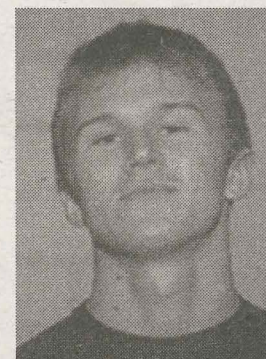
"If we had a parent camp, they would come," said Walter. "We want them to watch and ask questions. The more people who have information about anything the better off everyone will be."

While the clinic is put on for youngsters who want to learn a little more about playing baseball, it is also helpful for the teachers.

"It is really good for the players," said Walter. "Now they have a chance to teach what they listen to me say about what is right and wrong for their personal fundamentals. It is for me and our players; we can teach these kids things that we couldn't in a regular setting."



A freshman from Rochester, Minn. **Eric Cieslak** is the outstanding athlete. Cieslak won the long jump at the Border Battle at St. Olaf College by 5 feet with a jump of 22 feet, 11.25 inches this is his third consecutive long jump win.



Blue Devil SCOREBOARD



Men's Basketball

14-12 The men's basketball team lost by one point to UW-Stevens Point February 10 and is one game away from the WIAC quarterfinals. The team was down 47-36 at half time and made a huge comeback to fall one point short against second ranked UW-Stevens Point.

Next game: Saturday, Feb. 17 hosting UW-La Crosse



Women's Basketball

19-5 The University of Wisconsin-Stout basketball team is one game away from earning their third consecutive WIAC title. Their latest loss to UW-Stevens Point was a close game, but the girls will have to work hard at their last chance to take the title. Next game: Saturday, Feb. 17 hosting UW-La Crosse



Blue Devil Hockey

19-2-4 The hockey team took three losses in a row to upset their almost perfect season. With two back to back losses against UW-River Falls, one of which was 4-3 in over time, UW-Stout is hoping to face them again heading into the NCHA tournament. Next game: Friday and Saturday, Feb. 16 and 17 in Menomonie



Gymnastics

The gymnastics team took a loss to defending national champs UW-La Crosse. Freshman Megan Hargens placed first in all around and floor. Ashley Timm placed second on balance beam. Morgan Trumble and Angela Blankenship both scored career bests. Next game: Friday, Feb. 16 hosting UW-Oshkosh



Men's Track & Field

The men's track team placed fourth of four teams at the St. Olaf College February 10. Freshman Eric Cieslak won this third consecutive long jump title. Senior Ryan Carpenter won the triple jump with 44 feet 2.75 inches. UW-Eau Claire took first at the meet. Next meet: Blue Devil Open Friday, Feb. 16



Women's Track & Field

The women's track team placed third of four teams at St. Olaf College on February 10. Jasmine Patzner placed first in the 55 meter hurdles and Nikki Sims placed second. UW-Eau Claire took first place at the meet. Next game: Friday, Feb. 16 Blue Devil Open

Women's B-ball loses to UW-Stevens Point | Hockey loses three games straight | Men's B-ball comeback came up short

Men's basketball takes down time to prepare for WIAC

By Josh Parshley
Sports Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout men's basketball team will be heading into the WIAC quarterfinals next weekend. The team is trying to end their regular season with a little momentum and hopes to win their game against University of Wisconsin-Lacrosse this weekend at home.

The team has been off and on during this season. They are currently rank sixth in the WIAC, with a conference record of 5-10. However, the numbers can be a little deceiving.

"We are playing some of our best ball right now," said coach Eddie Andrist. "We are absolutely, positively ready for the tournament." He mentions that the team barely lost last week, coming up short one point, to the currently top ranked by the NCAA, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

To prepare for the tournament, the team is taking a little down time. The players are able to rest more which will allow them to be fresher for the games. Andrist believes this leaves them better of not only physically but mentally as well.

"The Blue Crew has added the feeling of a sixth man at home," said senior forward Jacob Nonemacher, a construction management major. This effect will be an added bonus to their upcoming game this Friday. However, the team faces a rough road ahead. Once the WIAC tournament starts, UW-Stout

will be on the road for the remaining games.

"We want to go all the way," said Andrist. "If we all believe we can win, we can get it done. We just need to play really great ball."

The coach does mention that all three games needed to win the tournament would be on the road. While this is a very difficult task, he believes it is doable. The team is currently 2-6 on the road, but with the team playing at their prime, anything is possible.

Right now, the team is looking at going on the road to UW-La Crosse. The team just so happens to wrap up their last game at home against UW-La-Crosse. This would be a great outcome to face UW-La Crosse in the first round, since they will know exactly what to expect. However, the final tournament bracket will not be posted until all teams are finished with their regular season games.

With the season winding up, the team is



The men's basketball team came up one point short against UW-Stevens Point. They are one game away from the WIAC tournament which starts Tuesday, Feb. 20.

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also preparing for the future. The next step for the team is developing their returning players.

After this year, the team will be losing three key senior players. However, there will still be talent on the team; no doubt there.

Andrist also believes that the team will have to continue to recruit, high-quality players.

With the combination of those two things, the team will be ready to go in the future.

Community

Thursday, February 15

- 10th Annual Construction Career Fair organized by Sigma Lambda Chi. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Great Hall, MSC
- Public Sales of UW-Stout Surplus Property. 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Awards at 2:30 p.m. 817 S. Broadway, Room 146, UW-Stout Surplus Property, Menomonie
- Resume Writing Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Career Services

Friday, February 16

- Learn about colon cancer with Tom Herrmann, general surgeon at Red Cedar Medical Center. 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Room 205, Millennium Hall

Saturday, February 17

- Free Clinic Benefit Dinner. Cost: \$35. 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Off Broadway Banquet Center, Menomonie

Monday, February 19

- Resume Workshop. Noon to 1 p.m. Career Services
- Seedflicks Film Festival Gala Opening. 7 p.m. Menomonie Public Library, Menomonie

Tuesday, February 20

- Kayak Deep Water Safety. Cost: \$20 student, \$35 community. 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Stout Adventures
- Graduate Program Information Day. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Ballrooms B and C, MSC
- RA Info Sessions. 6 p.m. South Campus: Milnes Classroom, North Campus: Red Cedar Meeting Room
- Hawaiian Luau. 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Commons and Tainter Dining Halls
- Interviewing Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Career Services

Wednesday, February 21

- Ash Wednesday Service. 11:15 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. Glass Lounge, Commons
- Wine Tasting. Cost: TBA. 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Zanzibar Restaurant and Pub, Menomonie
- How to Find a Co-op/ Internship Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Career Services
- Let It Out: Dialogue Series - Affirmative Action. 5 p.m. Ballroom B, MSC

Thursday, February 22

- Job Search Strategies Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Career Services

Friday, February 23

- Informational Study Abroad Meeting for Scotland. 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Prairie and Pioneer Rooms, MSC
- Critical Mass Bike Ride. 5 p.m. Meet at clock tower plaza at UW-Stout, Menomonie

Saturday, February 24

- The Business of Art. Cost: \$5. 9 a.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie
- Seedflicks Film Festival. 11 a.m. Menomonie Public Library, Menomonie

Monday, February 26

- Job Search Strategies Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Career Services
- "Let's Be Dunn with Hunger" Info-Parties. 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Menomonie Public Library, Menomonie

Tuesday, February 27

- Blood Drive by Gamma Sigma Sigma and Chi Lambda. 9:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Great Hall, MSC

- Cover Letters and Professional Communication Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Career Services

Wednesday, February 28

- Resume Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Career Services

Thursday, March 1

- Interviewing Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Career Services
- "Let's Be Dunn with Hunger" Info-Parties. 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Interfaith Food Pantry, Menomonie

Entertainment

Thursday, February 15

- Blue Devil Productions presents: The Chambermaids with Vampire Hands - music. Cost: Free with Stout ID, \$1 public. 8 p.m. Rec Center, MSC
- Rio and Mr. Head: Pancakes in Bed DVD Release Party, with The "All-Inclusive Party" with Vince Wiebel and Friends to Follow - comedians. Cost: \$5. Doors open at 8 p.m., show starts at 9:30 p.m. House of Rock, Eau Claire
- Brian Legg and Friends - music. 10 p.m. Waterfront Bar and Grill, Menomonie

Friday, February 16

- African Drum and Dance Workshop: Drumming. 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Glass Lounge, Price Commons
- Blue Devil Productions presents: Casino Royale movie. Cost: Free with Stout ID, \$1 public. 7 p.m. Room 210, Applied Arts
- Valentines Day Dance. 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Menomonie United Methodist Church, Menomonie
- Footloose - musical. Cost: \$14 students, \$15 adults. 7:30 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie
- East Hill Bluegrass Band - music. 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Acoustic Café, Eau Claire
- Eff'd Up and Frozen Tundra - music. Cost: \$3. 9 p.m. Ba Da Bingz, Menomonie
- Screaming Mechanical Brain, Suidice, Number One Common, and The Rockford Mules - music. Cost: \$5. 9:30 p.m. House of Rock, Eau Claire
- The Smokin' Bandits with The Long Hollow Hellhounds - music. Cost: \$4. 9:30 p.m. Stones Throw, Eau Claire
- Fat Maw Rooney - music. 10 p.m. Waterfront Bar and Grill, Menomine

Saturday, February 17

- African Drum and Dance Workshop: Drumming. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Room 144/ 146, Price Commons
- African Drum and Dance Workshop: Dancing. 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Room 54, West Gym
- Footloose - musical. Cost: \$14 students, \$15 adults. 7:30 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie
- Chippewa Valley Symphony: Silver Sounds music. 7:30 p.m. State Theatre, Eau Claire
- Yoinkles Gibraltar - music. 8 p.m. Acoustic Café, Menomonie
- Wes and the Arabian Finesse - music. 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Acoustic Café, Eau Claire
- Love Songs for Valentines: Tracy Lea Landis with Tracy Cook - music. 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Acoustic Café, Menomonie
- Mardi Gras Bead Party featuring members of The Space Rangers, Three Amigos, and Point B music. Cost: \$3. 9:30 p.m. Stones Throw, Eau Claire
- Neilsen White Band - music. 9:30 p.m. Pioneer Grill and Saloon, Menomonie
- Drunk Drivers, The Skintones, and The Screens music. Cost: \$5. 10 p.m. House of Rock, Eau Claire

Sunday, February 18

- Footloose - musical. Cost: \$14 students, \$15 adults. 7:30 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Monday, February 19

- Jazz Jam: Adam Braatz Quartet - music. 9 p.m. Stones Throw, Eau Claire

Tuesday, February 20

- Open Jam - music. 9:30 p.m. Stones Throw, Eau Claire

Wednesday, February 21

- Guys on Ice - musical. Cost: Section A: \$25, Section B: \$20, Section C: \$15, Box Seats: \$30. 7:30 p.m. State Theatre, Eau Claire
- DJ Abilities, Eff'd Up, Rhymemynds, and Romes and A Scratch - music. Cost: \$6. 9 p.m. House of Rock, Eau Claire
- Open Mic. 9 p.m. Stones Throw, Eau Claire

Thursday, February 22

- Footloose - musical. Cost: \$14 students, \$15 adults. 7:30 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie
- Guys on Ice - musical. Cost: Section A: \$25, Section B: \$20, Section C: \$15, Box Seats: \$30. 7:30 p.m. State Theatre, Eau Claire
- Cowboy Curtis, Laarks, and Superdancer music. Cost: \$5. Doors open at 8 p.m., show starts at 9:30 p.m. House of Rock, Eau Claire
- Blue Devil Productions presents: Mary Mack comedian. Cost: Free with Stout ID, \$1 public. 8 p.m. Rec Center, MSC
- Baghdad Scuba Review - music. 10 p.m. Waterfront Bar and Grill, Menomonie

Friday, February 23

- Street Level Ministries presents: Eegah - movie. 7 p.m. Blind Munchies Coffeehouse, Menomonie
- Footloose - musical. Cost: \$14 students, \$15 adults. 7:30 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie
- Fat Maw Rooney and Chinese Fingertrap - music. Cost: \$5. 9:30 p.m. Stones Throw, Eau Claire
- The Yokanizu Project, Irie, and Baghdad Scuba Review - music. Cost: \$3. 10 p.m. House of Rock, Eau Claire

Saturday, February 24

- BSU Annual Ball: A Night of Ancestry. Cost: \$15 single, \$20 couple. 5 p.m. Great Hall, MSC
- Footloose - musical. Cost: \$14 students, \$15 adults. 7:30 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie
- Peanut Butter and Gypsy - dancing show. 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Acoustic Café, Eau Claire
- Christian Verbs - music. 8 p.m. Acoustic Café, Menomonie
- Knowing Jobe with The Jaggernauts, Droids Attack, and Helliphan - music. Cost: \$4. 9:30 p.m. House of Rock, Eau Claire
- Boogie Junction - music. 9:30 p.m. Pioneer Grill and Saloon, Menomonie
- Bear Creek Band - music. Cost: \$3. 9:30 p.m. Stones Throw, Eau Claire
- Orestus - music. 11 p.m. Mr. Heavy's Menomonie

Sunday, February 25

- Footloose - musical. Cost: \$14 students, \$15 adults. 7:30 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Monday, February 26

- PONG's Simply Console. Cost: \$2 at door or free if bring console by 5 p.m. 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Crystal Ballrooms, MSC
- Jazz Jam: Adam Braatz Quartet - music. 9 p.m. Stones Throw, Eau Claire

Tuesday, February 27

- Open Jam with Bill and Dan - music. 8:30 p.m. Stones Throw, Eau Claire

Wednesday, February 28

- Open Mic. 9 p.m. Stones Throw, Eau Claire

Thursday, March 1

- Fiddler on the Roof - musical. Cost: \$8 youth, \$14 adult. State Theatre, Eau Claire
- Blue Devil Productions presents: The Box Social with the Infidels - music. Cost: Free with Stout ID, \$1 public. 8 p.m. Rec Center, MSC
- Trampled by Turtles, and Downer's Grove music. Cost: \$7. 9:30 p.m. Stones Throw, Eau Claire

Athletics

Friday, February 16

- Men and Women Track and Field host Blue Devil Open. 4 p.m.
- Gymnastics vs. UW-Oshkosh. 7 p.m.
- Hockey NCHA Playoffs, TBA

Saturday, February 17

- Men's Basketball vs. UW-La Crosse. 3 p.m.
- Women's Basketball vs. UW-La Crosse. 5 p.m.
- Hockey NCHA Playoffs. TBA

Monday, February 19

- Women's Basketball WIAC Quarterfinals. TBA 7 p.m.

Tuesday, February 20

- Men's Basketball WIAC Quarterfinals. TBA 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 21

- Women's Basketball WIAC Semi-Finals. TBA 7 p.m.

Thursday, February 22

- Men's Basketball WIAC Semi-Finals. TBA 7 p.m.

Friday, February 23

- Women's Track and Field @ St. Olaf Open. 4 p.m.
- Gymnastics @ Hamline Invite. 7 p.m.

Saturday, February 24

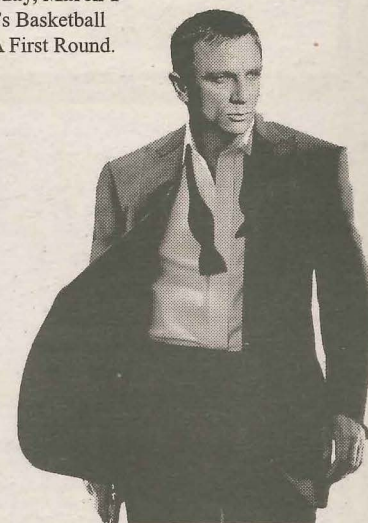
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- Men's Basketball WIAC Championship. TBA 7 p.m.
- Women's Basketball WIAC Championship. TBA 7 p.m.
- Hockey NCHA Semi-Finals. TBA

Wednesday, February 28

- Women's Basketball NCAA First Round. TBA

Thursday, March 1

- Men's Basketball NCAA First Round. TBA



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Men's Quarterfinals, 7pm

Wednesday, February 21
Women's Semifinals, 7pm

Thursday, February 22
Men's Semifinals, 7pm

Saturday, February 24
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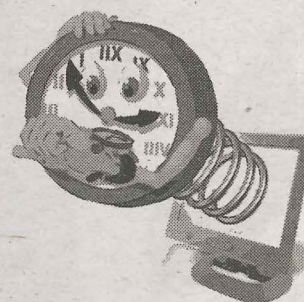
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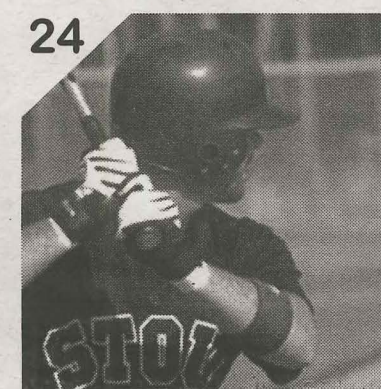
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Thompson makes stop at UW-Stout

Former gov. gives address on healthcare reform, embryonic stem cell research

By Kristen Keating
and Tony Nelson
Stoutonia Staff

The University of Wisconsin-Stout was the platform for former Wisconsin Governor and former U.S. Department of Health and

Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson to speak about stem cell research and healthcare concerns.

Thompson spoke about the importance of embryonic stem cell research and is encouraged by the research that's being done in this area.



David Tank/Stoutonia

Tommy Thompson, former Wisconsin Governor and Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Social Services spoke to a UW-Stout crowd on Friday, Feb. 23.

Thompson's message brings hope

By Jenny Stabenow
Staff Writer

A young man sits in the front row of Harvey Hall Auditorium on the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus surrounded by his family. They wait anxiously to hear the words of the presenter, former Governor Tommy Thompson.

What made this young man, 13-year-old Mitch Borofka, miss school on Friday, Feb. 23 to listen to Thompson speak about stem cell research? The outcome could determine Borofka's future.

When Borofka was only two years old, astrocytoma tumors were found along his spinal cord. The cause of the tumors is unknown. Astrocytomas can occur in the brain and in the spinal cord. Currently, his doctors are watching five tumors along his spine.

Borofka is an ordinary seventh-grader attending Colfax Middle School. He is on the student council, plays basketball, runs cross-country and is in the upcoming play, "Annie Get Your Gun." He is also an avid Guitar Hero player and loves to travel.

The past 11 years for Borofka have included 50 radiation treatments, four different types of chemotherapy and four surgeries. Every six months he visits Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. for an MRI and a basic check-up.

However, when doctors from the Mayo Clinic told the family there was nothing else that could be done for Borofka, the family searched for alternate treatments including three trips to Tijuana, Mexico. The lack of success has the family still looking for answers and they believe stem cell research may hold the key.

"His tumors are on the spine and stem cell research is showing great hopes for advancements with spinal cord injuries," said Mitch's mother, Linda Borofka, a program associate for the UW-Stout Provost's office. Borofka would be interested in going to Washington D.C. to advocate for more research.

Although Borofka has lived most of his life with astrocytoma tumors, he really is just an ordinary middle-school boy. Overall, the tumors don't affect him on an everyday basis, Borofka said.

Thompson said Wisconsin, a leader and pioneer in stem cell research, is on the verge of breakthrough discoveries.

"We have a great chance to attract businesses and expand existing ones and really help Wisconsin become the leader in biotechnology, bio-research and bio-medicine," Thompson said.

Linda Borofka, a program associate in the UW-Stout Provost's office, was pleased with Thompson's visit saying she felt Thompson did a great job with not getting too technical with stem cell research.

"It's a very touchy subject—mostly could go right over most of our heads," said Borofka. "I felt he did a good job discussing it at our level."

Borofka's 13-year-old son Mitch could benefit from stem cell research because of tumors along his spine.

Thompson said there are two major concerns with healthcare: uninsured Americans and the need for preventative medicine instead of reactive medicine.

With two trillion dollars of taxpayer money being spent on the 47 million uninsured, most of the money is spent on people going to the hospital for a cure and not on preventative medicine. Thompson said everyone could be insured because as Americans we are paying for insurance through taxes.

This past year, doctors, through misdiagnoses and other mistakes, caused 98,000 deaths. At this time, only 8 percent of hospitals are using technology to prevent these mistakes.

Innovation in new technologies can allow fewer medical errors, the discovery of more compounds and medicines, and help prevent diseases and illnesses before they occur.

This is a major concern, Thompson said, and within the next seven years, Wisconsin needs to get all their hospitals using the same technology.

Thompson told the audience that research being done at schools like UW-Stout will lead to new preventative treatments and more effective cures.

The developments will, in turn, help drive down the cost of healthcare.

He concluded by stating that Wisconsin is a leader in promoting technology for the future and the innovation begins in our Wisconsin schools.

"I am glad he came to our campus," said Borofka. "With his exposure to our campus, he brings an awareness of what our students are doing. Sometimes it takes a politician or celebrity to heighten an awareness of what great work is being done in our own backyard!"



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Thompson "definitely running" ... maybe

By Kyle Kingston
Editor-in-Chief

Immediately following an address to the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus regarding the economic development and therapeutic benefits of biomedical research, particularly embryonic stem cell research, Tommy Thompson, former governor of Wisconsin and Bush cabinet member, declared today that he was "definitely running" for the presidency.

"I'm going to be in Iowa tonight speaking to the College Young Republicans and I have five speeches tonight," said Thompson. "I am definitely running."

He went on to say, "Well, I would say that the chances are very good that I'm running."

Thompson's speech, which was introduced by UW-Stout chemistry professor Forrest Schultz, addressed the current failings of American health care, declaring that unless the system is re-examined, Medicare will be broke by 2013. He also expressed enthusiasm for current technological breakthroughs in medicine, singling out the embryonic stem cell research, such as the kind being conducted by the UW-Stout science department.

The former governor later stated that he was not yet "officially" announcing his candidacy.

RA's learn leadership is "sweet"

By Danielle Bleck
Staff Writer

When asked to describe the 2007 Wisconsin United Residence Hall Association (WURHA) Conference hosted by the University of Wisconsin-Stout, in one word Kym Blanke, one of the WURHA 2007 tri-chairs said, "Sweet!"

Held February 16 through February 18, the event brought a total of 309 delegates and advisors from 16 different Wisconsin colleges. During this conference, delegates participated in programming sessions, a banquet and even a life size Candyland game to tie in activities with the conference candy theme and Leadership is Sweet conference title. They also raised \$1,637.37 for the Ronald McDonald House and collected 1,029,371 pop tops.

To get the honor of hosting this event at UW-Stout, people interested in planning the conference had to bid for it at last year's WURHA conference. The dedicated students who stepped up to vie for this event included UW-Stout students Linda Atkinson, Kym Blanke and Karen Metzner. These three individuals were inspired to do this ever since they went to their first WURHA conference together in 2004, Blanke said.

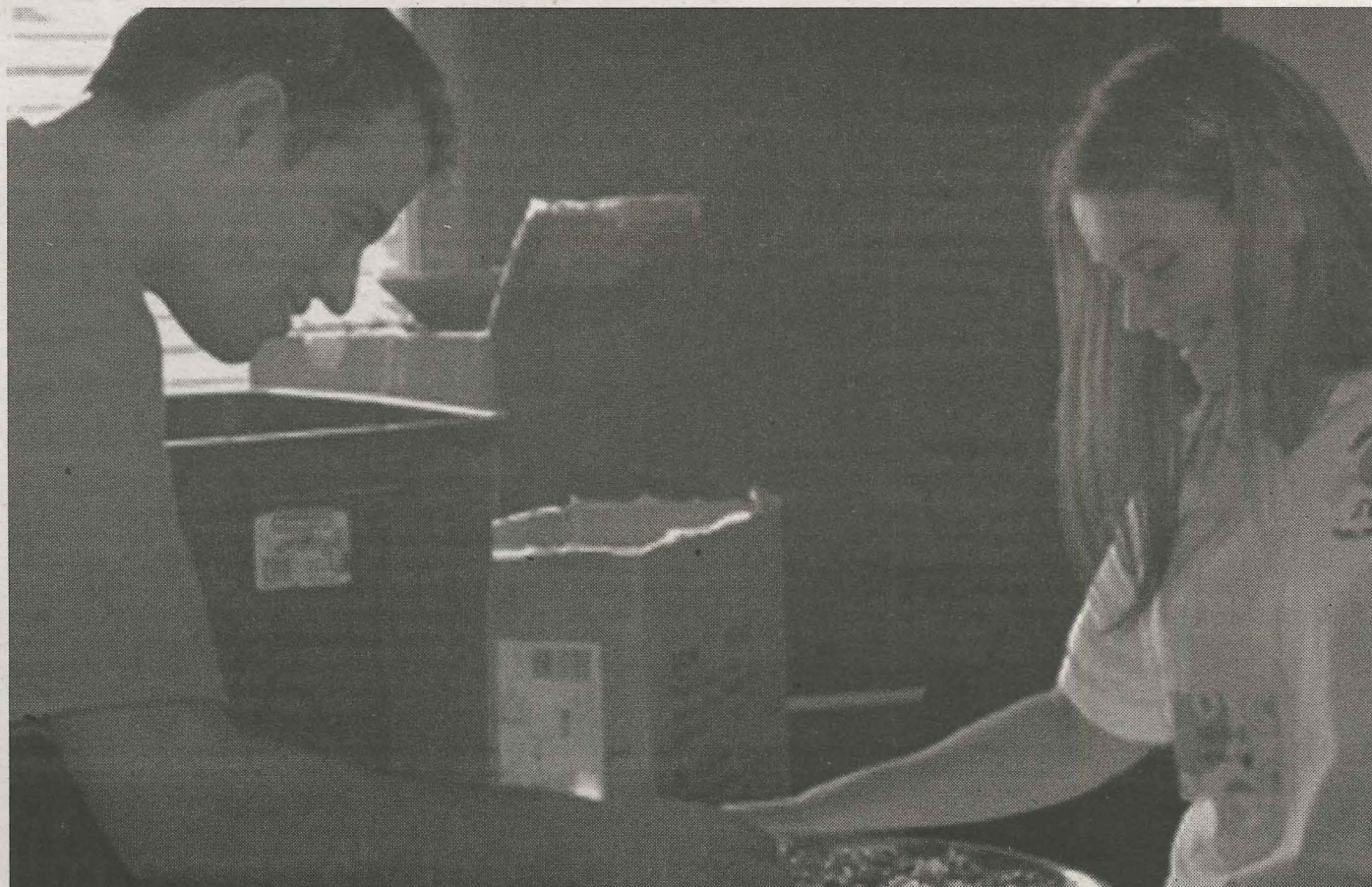
"All three of us love WURHA conferences because of the amazing leaders that attend from around the state, the great program ideas we learn about and the cheering," Blanke said. "UW-Stout's University Housing department has given the three of us countless opportunities to attend conferences, put on programs and grow as leaders. By hosting WURHA 2007 we were able to give back to an organization that has given us so much."

Planning for WURHA 2007 began in September of 2005. It started with Metzner, Atkinson and Blanke putting together the conference staff in order to write the bid.

"We had to decide on a theme, plan what entertainment we were going to have, what hotel and transportation we were going to use and create a budget," Blanke said.

The bid was presented at WURHA 2006 at Marquette University to a board of Wisconsin Communication Coordinators. These WCCs are students from around the state and they voted on whether or not UW-Stout would have the honor to host WURHA 2007. Since they won the bid in February of 2006 they have been working hard ever since to bring to life the best WURHA leadership conference the state has ever seen.

The 2007 WURHA leadership conference would not have happened without the dedication



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Aaron Kurth, right, WURHA volunteer and Mikaela Linda Koch, philanthropy chair count pop tops for donation to the Ronald McDonald House at WURHA 2007. Over 300 students from across Wisconsin met to learn about leadership through sessions and activities including a life-sized CandyLand game.

of the 2007 conference staff and their advisors. Each conference staff member chose an area of the conference that interested them. Then each took charge within that area planning and coordinating the section. The areas included the banquet, budget, programming,

entertainment, hospitality, housing, meals, spirit, transportation, philanthropy, publicity, registration, sponsorship and Web site. The people in charge of these aspects of the conference spent countless hours attending meetings, contacting local businesses, recruiting volunteers, among other things.

These conference staff members consisted of Rachel Bernstein, Betsy Stefan, Chris Lund, Andy "Boomer" Englund, Diona Johnson, Christi McAnally, Chris Szitta, Danie Blaschke, Jeremy Scott, Katelyn Filbrandt, Rachel Duffy, Linda Koch, Tanya Uitenbroek, Heather Jeske, Audrey Jutz, Mikeala Stori and Mike Voermans—all students at UW-Stout.

The advisors were current or former University Housing Hall Directors including Kelly Podach, Jeff Pederson, Paul Rodriguez, Aaron Pabst, Meghan Caylor,

Don Francis, RJ Braxton, Michelle Hargrave, Theresa Priest and Diane Hausler. Besides the number of people listed above, this conference also had approximately 100 volunteers who helped the conference staff members with a variety of tasks.

"The highlight of the conference for her was seeing all of our planning and the planning of the conference chairs finally put into action," Blanke said, "The conference staff and volunteers did such a phenomenal job that at some points during the weekend us Tri-Chairs got a chance to just sit back and enjoy the moment."

She also enjoyed seeing delegates from around the state really enjoying themselves throughout the weekend.

Linda Koch, philanthropy chair said her favorite moment of the conference was finding out how much money was raised and the amount of pop tops that were collected.

"I was overwhelmed with excitement and satisfaction that all of WURHA made a collective effort to help families in need through the Ronald McDonald House," Koch said.

Sweet really was the perfect word to describe WURHA 2007.

"This conference showed how sweet leadership really is," Blanke said.



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(From left to right) Kym Blanke, Linda Atkinson and Karen Metzner shared responsibilities of organizing the three-day long WURHA 2007. The trio have put in over a year of planning the RA leadership training event.

Spring forward springs early | Computer problems may ensue

By Tony Nelson
News Editor

Warmer weather and longer daylight hours means daylight savings time (DST), is on its way. However, this year DST is beginning three weeks earlier than usual and may cause some problems for computer systems.

In August of 2005, the US congress passed the Energy Policy Act. This changes the start and end dates for DST and goes into effect this year, on March 11 and ends one week later on November 4.

As a result of the changed from the normal date, the DST rules for all computer systems must change in order for the proper time zone to be applied.

"The campus will be prepared on March 11," said Ask5000 supervisor Sasha King, adding that the University of Wisconsin-Stout's Telecommunications and Networking department has been investigating the change for several months.

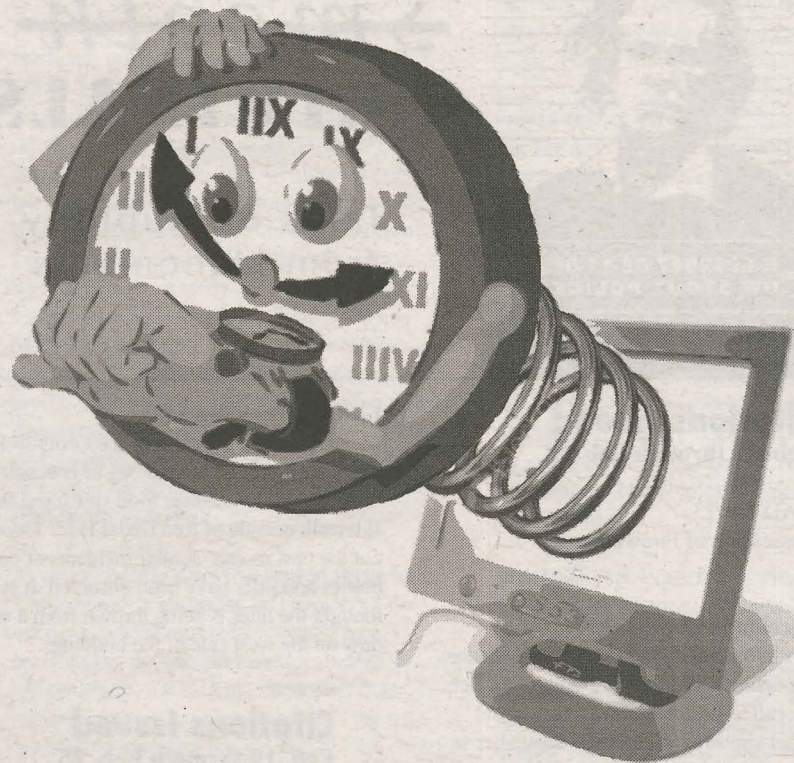
Updates from Microsoft to address the changes in Daylight Savings Time in 2007 for Windows, Exchange, Outlook and the

Micorsoft Exchange servers were applied to the UW-Stout system on the evening of Feb. 26, well in time for the DST change. Every campus computer will then need to have an update installed to address the time change. Instructions for this update will be sent and will need to be run before March 11.

"Although all recommended steps in preparation for this event have and will be taken," King said, "like all computer users, Telecommunications and Networking will be watchful when daylight savings time is enacted and encourages users to practice diligence in scheduling their meetings. Action items for both PC and Apple computer users will be sent via the campus email as soon as all the necessary updates and applications are available and in place."

Despite all the precautions being taken, possible problems may arise.

Experts from the Ask5000 Helpdesk recommend all users, no matter of which system, to practice due diligence throughout this transition by paying close attention to dates and scheduling during the transition period.



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Renee Zellweger wears UW-Stout graduate's work on magazine

The work of a 2005 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Stout appeared on the cover of Vogue magazine.

Tuan Nguyen, who majored in apparel design and development, is a technical designer and production manager for Knit Illustrated in New York City. He oversaw the development and production of the sweater worn by actress Renee Zellweger on the cover of the February 2007 cover of Vogue. The sweater was developed under the Michael Kors label.

For more information, contact Gindy Neidermyer, programdirectorforapparel design and development, at neidermyerg@uwstout.edu or (715) 232-1106.

Students place in corrugated packaging competition

Five students from the University of Wisconsin-Stout placed in the 2007 Best of the Best Competition, sponsored by the Association of Independent Corrugated Converters.

Team members Ashley Zimmerman of Oconomowoc, Wis.; John Olmsted of Hayes, Va.; Ryan Shook of Eau Claire, Wis.; and Scott Kallstrom of Arkansas placed third in the competition. Their entry, "1, 2, 3...Plants" had won first place in the 2006 AICC competition in the Open Design category, which made them eligible to compete in the 2007 Best of the Best.

In addition, three more students placed in the 2006 AICC competition, but were not eligible for the 2007 Best of the Best Competition.

Travis Pedersen of Wausau and Jason Kallenbach of Wooster, Ohio, placed first in the Corrugated as Art category for their entry "Blue Devil Chopper."

Also, Wes Eveland of Kasilof, Alaska, placed second in the category of Corrugated as Art for "Corrugated Trophy" and placed third in the category of Open Design for "T-Shirt Box."

Photographs of the winning entries are found at www.aiccbbox.org.

For more information contact Carol Mooney, associate dean of the College of

Technology, Engineering and Management, mooneyc@uwstout.edu or (715) 232-1444.

Visitors from Guatemala visit UW-Stout March 5-7

Four representatives of Universidad del Valle de Guatemala will pick the brains of University of Wisconsin-Stout faculty and staff members over three days, March 5 to 7.

The visitors from Guatemala want to know what the UW-Stout campus did to achieve the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. Their questions will be directed campuswide and will focus on leadership, culture, systems and people.

The group also will tour the UW-Stout Technology Park and the Library Learning Center on March 5.

In 2001, UW-Stout became the first university to receive the Malcolm Baldrige Award. As an award recipient, UW-Stout is an advocate for quality. Recipients are expected to help disseminate their best practices with other organizations.

Since 2001, UW-Stout representatives have traveled the globe sharing the university's strategies.

For an itinerary, contact Linda Borofka at borofkal@uwstout.edu or (715) 232-2421; or for an interview, contact Provost Julie Furst-Bowe at furst-bowej@uwstout.edu or (715) 232-2421.

Historic theater at UW-Stout to be renovated

Harvey Hall Theatre was state-of-the-art when it was built in 1916. By today's standards, though, major renovations are needed to keep the only performance venue on the

campus of the University of Wisconsin-Stout functional.

Therefore, on March 12, university officials will go before the State Building Commission in Madison, Wis. to request \$5.1 million to make the repairs.

If funded, more events, like Tommy Thompson's public presentation on stem cell research held Feb. 23, would be scheduled in the space in the future.

The building is listed as a contributing building in the Menomonie Downtown Historic District by the National Register of Historic Places.

For more information, contact George Acker, facilities architect, at ackerg@uwstout.edu or (715) 232-5314.

SVRI work source project developed

The University of Wisconsin-Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Institute has been contracted to develop "WorkSource Wisconsin." This project will assist employers in hiring and managing workers with disabilities.

The initial phase of the project included a survey of more than 500 Wisconsin employers regarding their concerns and interests. Two advisory committees have been formed, comprising representatives from business, industry and related state agencies from across Wisconsin.

Based on the data acquired through these initiatives, a number of services will be provided to Wisconsin employers, such as an informational Web site, targeted training programs and technical support. The services will begin in March.

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Tales of stupidity
from Menomonie

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UAD 1st: 13
Possession of Fireworks: 1

Dead person in snowbank?

An intoxicated student claimed she saw a dead person buried in a snowbank on Feb. 16. She called police and was very upset with what she saw. When they drove her to the area in question, the student was unable to locate the snowbank at that time.

Lock up your cell phones, people

On Feb. 17, two students called officials reporting their cell phones had been stolen from their coats. The coats had not been locked up and were left unattended while the students worked in the MSC. There were no suspects and no one had permission from the students to take their phones.

Drunk and lost

An intoxicated man was found outside of Flemming Hall by the volleyball courts. Night security helped the man inside to get him out of the cold.

When the police arrived, they questioned the man and he told them he was visiting a friend who is a UW-Stout student living in Red Cedar Hall. The intoxicated visitor didn't know how to get to his friend's room, so police walked the man there.

Beer unclaimed

On Feb. 19 an RA in Milnes Hall had observed three men with beer cases in a student's room. When the men were questioned, no one claimed the beer.

All men were given preliminary breath tests and were all .000, indicating none of them had been drinking. The beer was confiscated and the students were warned of possible charges.

Field house key missing

The master key to the field house was missing after a basketball game. The key had been given to a basketball coach and was to be returned after the game. The key opens every door in the building, but not the outside doors.

Litter on the sidewalk

On Feb. 12, staff from the Grounds Keeping department reported a bag of broccoli, broken glass and frozen food splattered on the sidewalk outside of Red Cedar Hall. Throughout the past month, similar incidents of broken bottles and litter have been observed. It is thought the litter is being thrown from a window on the west side of the building.

Citations Issued Feb. 19 through Feb. 25

UAD 1st: 3
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia: 2

Threatening work environment

A worker in the applied arts building felt threatened by students in various rooms that

were making gun gestures to their heads as she walked by. She also spotted red drips of paint in the garbage cans and noticed people driving by the loading dock trash bin in cars with dark-tinted windows.

She was scared to stay there alone and contacted the police. When police arrived, she was unable to locate any of the students. She has been transferred to the library as her place of work.

Looking for love

An intoxicated man was found at 2:30 a.m. attempting to enter the Administration building. He stated he was looking for his ex-girlfriend to win back her affections.

He insisted he was fine and at that point the police left. Half an hour later, they found him sleeping on the sidewalk next to the Administration building.

He was informed by police that if he were to stay asleep he would die of hypothermia and agreed to be taken to a motel.

Alcohol unfound

An RA in Keith Hall reported he had seen beer cans in a room as he was making rounds. UW-Stout police investigated, finding that the men in the room had not been drinking. All of the beer cans were empty and the students were given a warning not to have alcohol in their rooms.

21st birthday not so great

While on rounds, two police officers were approached by two females who were concerned about their friend. Their friend had just celebrated her 21st birthday and

was extremely intoxicated.

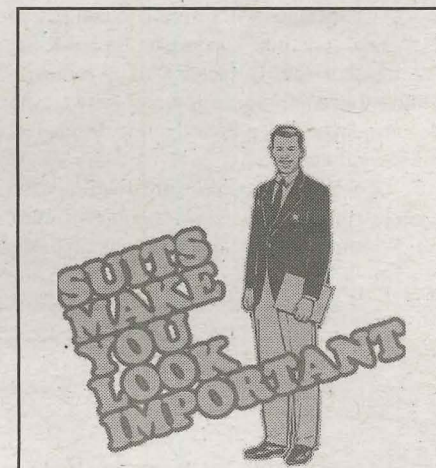
Upon arrival, the birthday girl was unable to sit on her own and could only moan. Responses from the girl were impossible to understand until she mumbled "call 911" over and over because she felt like she was going to die.

Paramedics came and the girl went to the hospital.

North Hall visitor

A call was made to the UW-Stout police regarding a suspicious person in the basement of North Hall. The man had been sleeping in the basement for the entire day.

Police identified the man and was found not to be a UW-Stout student. The man was asked to leave and night security was notified.



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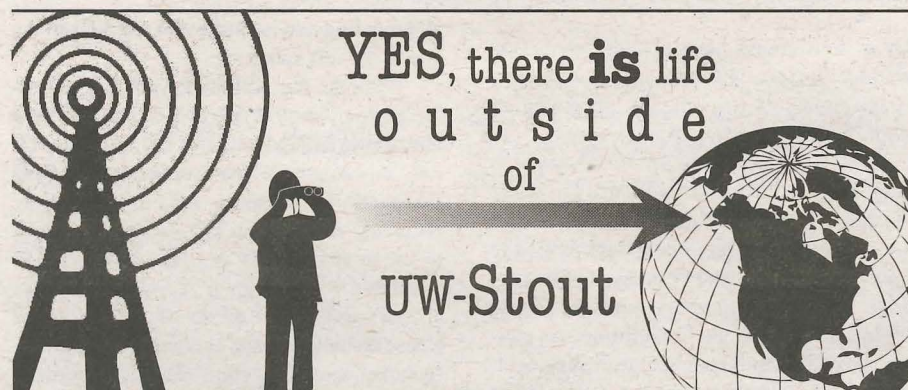
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12 step program for internet addiction

People addicted to e-mail now have a 12 step program to help overcome their obsession. The man who developed the program started it because he observed business people who constantly check their blackberries or have been losing productivity due to e-mail checking. Some of the steps include keeping your inbox empty, dealing immediately with e-mails and not check e-mail more than four times a day.

Mardi Gras still a party

Residents of the Big Easy took a break from their hurricane Katrina worries to celebrate the annual Mardi Gras celebration in New Orleans, LA. The mayor rode a horse in the parade, costumes were elaborate and the cities' hotels were 95% occupied. The tourists were urged to spend money to help rebuild the community.

Rural communities scar from Iraq

Nearly half of military fatalities have come from small rural towns. Three-fourths of these fatalities come from towns that are below the national average of per capita income. It has been decided that diminished opportunities are responsible for higher military enlistment in rural areas. As a result, the small town young men, that the whole town knows, are losing their lives.

Internet addiction consequences in China

The Chinese government has launched a nationwide campaign to stop the threat of teenagers becoming addicted to the Internet. One boy was put into a military-run institution and is not allowed contact with friends or family because of his addiction. They have even used mild electric shocks to punish those who are addicted.

"Oops! ...I Did It Again"

Pop star Britney Spears checks back in to rehab for the third time in a week. Spears spent two hours in a treatment facility in the Caribbean, checked out of rehab, she shaved her head, got two new tattoos and went out clubbing. She checked into Promises residential treatment center in Malibu for rehab, but was out within 24 hours of checking in. That evening, she attempted to see her two children at her estranged husband Kevin Federline's apartment and was turned away. The evening ended with altercations with paparazzi outside of a nearby Jiffy Lube where she beat a paparazzo's empty SUV with an umbrella before she turned on a nearby photographer, allegedly hitting him on the back with the umbrella. The next day, Spears' mother Lynne Spears drove her back to Promises, where she voluntarily checked herself in for rehab as a part of an agreement made with Federline.

"Velvet" heater saves stranded three

Three climbers stranded on Oregon's tallest peak, Mt. Hood, made a smart move by bringing 4-year-old Labrador retriever Velvet along. After being separated from a climbing party of eight climbers, the trio huddled in sleeping bags with Velvet to help keep them warm. They survived overnight in below-freezing temperatures and rescued the next day with aid of a mountain locator radio transmitter with only minor injuries.

Three other climbers did not survive when they got lost in Dec. 2006, also on Mt. Hood. Oregon lawmakers have proposed climbers going above 10,000 feet on Mount Hood are required to be equipped with electronic locator units

Prince Harry off to Iraq

The third in line to the British throne will be deployed to Iraq this spring. The prince has wanted to serve his country and graduated last year from the Royal Military Academy. The royal family has had a history with involvement in the military - his father was a pilot with the Royal Air Force and Navy and his grandfather was also in the Royal Navy. Harry, 22, an army second lieutenant known as Troop Commander Wales, will lead 12 men from his Blues and Royals regiment of the Household Cavalry in four reconnaissance vehicles, the ministry said in a statement.

Medical costs expected to rise

A rise in the out-of-pocket expenses, such as copays for medicine, is estimated to increase slowly over time. The cost of health care insurance is going to rise even faster, at a rate of 6.4 percent annually. However, despite the increases in cost, consumers are still spending on the latest treatments.

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University of Wisconsin-Stout Request for Third Party Comment

The University of Wisconsin-Stout is seeking comments from the public about the university in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. As part of its participation in the Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP), UW-Stout will undergo an on-site, Quality Check-Up visit May 2-4, 2007, by a team representing the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The team will review the institution's ongoing ability to meet the Commission's Criteria for Accreditation.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding UW-Stout by paper mail addressed to:

Public Comment on University of Wisconsin-Stout
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North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
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Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Comments must be signed; comments cannot be treated as confidential.

All comments must be received by April 2, 2007

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Woman of Color recognized at UW-Stout

Mai Kao Xiong, a graduate assistant and associate adviser in the Office of Multicultural Student Services at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, has been named the university's 2007 recipient of the Outstanding Woman of Color Award.

The award recognizes women of color on each UW System campus who have initiated positive change in their communities in the areas of diversity and women's issues.

Xiong will receive the award April 21 during the UW System annual Women's Studies Conference in Madison, Wis.

Xiong, a single mother, is a graduate student majoring in school psychology in the School of Education. One of her greatest contributions is her encouragement of other Hmong women to major in elementary education through Project Teach. Project Teach is a grant-funded, community renewal project and is a cooperative effort with the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

Xiong also is a leader within the Hmong UW-Stout Student Organization and has led a coalition to foster tutoring and improve language skills for women of color through a cultural reading program at an area elementary school.

Anti-racism educator visits UW-Stout

An internationally renowned anti-racism educator and activist will lecture at the Uni-

versity of Wisconsin-Stout Tuesday, Mar 6, as part of the Issues of Humanity Residency.

Jane Elliott, a recipient of the National Mental Health Association Award for Excellence in Education, will give two public presentations Tuesday in the Great Hall of the Memorial Student Center. At 10 a.m., Elliott will discuss "Issues for Educators" and at 6:15 p.m., she will discuss "Issues of Humanity."

In preparation for Elliott's lectures, two productions of her work will be shown on Monday, Mar 5 in the Crystal Ballroom of the Memorial Student Center. The film "Blue Eyed" will be shown at 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. "The College Eye" will be shown at 3:35 p.m.

All events are free and open to the public. Only the 6:15 p.m. lecture on Tuesday is a ticketed event. Free tickets may be obtained at the Service Center of the Memorial Student Center. Individuals with a UW-Stout ID may request two free tickets, and community individuals may request one free ticket. Overflow seating will be available in the Crystal Ballroom, if needed.

Elliott is a teacher, lecturer and diversity trainer. She devised the controversial and startling "Blue Eyes/Brown Eyes" exercise more than 30 years ago in response to the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. The now-famous exercise labels participants as inferior or superior based on eye color, and exposes participants to the experience of being a minority.

Her goal is to expose prejudice and big-

otry as an irrational class system based upon arbitrary factors. Elliott's approach helps organizational functioning by appealing to people's sense of empathy and morality.

The Issues of Humanity Residency was established in 2005 by UW-Stout's Diversity Education Committee and the Ally Center. The residency program encourages dialogue about the injustice and oppression that permeate American culture as it relates to our nation's diversity. For more information, contact Mary McManus at mcmamus@uwstout.edu or (715) 232-2503; or Darrin Witucki at wituckid@uwstout.edu or (715) 232-3693.

Promote RecycleMania and get in the movies

A promotional University of Wisconsin-Stout RecycleMania film is being created by a group of students in the Digital AV Production course as part of their class project starring UW-Stout students. This film will be used for many years to come to promote the RecycleMania competition on the UW-Stout campus. It will also be shown during UW-Stout Research Day, April 19.

RecycleMania is an inter-collegiate competition that UW-Stout competes in against 160 other college campuses to see which institution can collect the largest amount of recyclables. The college that recycles the most during the 10-week period, January 28 to April 7, will be awarded a RecycleMania trophy. So far, UW-Stout is out-competing all other registered Wisconsin campuses in over-

all recycling and is among the top 50% in the nation for this category.

Among the activities you might consider promoting recycling at any Blue Devil athletic event, advertising for RecycleMania on campus, make cardboard recycling containers for campus, organize a friendly recycling competition in your residence hall or use your creativity to come up with a hall event that will encourage recycling.

If you would like to be involved with RecycleMania, please contact Heidi Behnke (behnkeh@uwstout.edu), Jenna Haroldson (haroldsonj@uwstout.edu) or Krista James (jamesk@uwstout.edu) to get your activity on film.

Pell Grant's maximum increased

An increase in Pell Grants without decreasing other financial aid is planned. A new domestic budget would give \$4,310 to eligible students — low-income undergraduate and certain post-baccalaureate students. The \$260 increase is the first raise the Pell Grant has received in four years.

The new budget is proposed by U.S. Rep. Dave Obey of Wisconsin and West Virginia Senator Robert Byrd. Obey opposes a different Pell Grant increase proposed by President Bush that compensates for the raise by reducing other financial aid programs.

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1 1	1803 7th Street	\$275	\$275	washer/dryer parking, good location, large	SR
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1 1	1203 1/2 14th Avenue East	\$325	\$325	upper duplex, nice size rooms	D
1 1	400 1/2 Main Street #3	\$330	\$330	WSG+HW inc. storage, close to campus	6
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #5	\$335	\$335	Great location, utilities Included Parking	8
1 1	400 1/2 Main Street #4	\$340	\$340	WSG+HW inc. storage, close to campus	6
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #4	\$345	\$345	Great location, utilities Included Parking	8
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #8	\$360	\$360	Great location, util. Incl. Parking	8
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #9	\$365	\$365	great location, includes WSG & heat	A
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #4	\$365	\$365	great location, includes WSG & heat, parking	A
1 1	1218 1/2 9th Street	\$375	\$375	gas heat, upper duplex, great location	D
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1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #8	\$395	\$395	great location, includes WSG & heat, parking	A
1 1	421 Wilson Avenue #3	\$395	\$395	Inc. heat, WSG, hot water, parking	6
1 1	333 1/2 Main Street #1	\$420	\$420	Inc. heat, WSG, downtown location	A
2 1	115 Main Street West	\$380	\$190	Close to campus and downtown	3
2 1	915 1/2 Main Street	\$395	\$198	good location in duplex, w parking Avail. 9/01/07	D
2 1	2121 5th Street #A	\$420	\$210	Inc. WSG, washer dryer	4
2 1	2121 5th Street #B	\$420	\$210	Inc. WSG, washer dryer	4
2 1	2121 5th Street #C	\$420	\$210	Inc. WSG, washer dryer	4
2 1	619 1/2 13th Avenue	\$480	\$240	Inc. heat WSG hot water, excellent location	4
2 1	620 1/2 9th Avenue	\$500	\$250	close to campus, large nice rooms	3
3 1	2215 1/2 5th Street	\$545	\$182	spacious, many upgrades, good sized rooms, w/d	D
3 1	2215 5th Street	\$595	\$198	spacious, many upgrades, good sized rooms, w/d hookups	D
3 1	1415 1/2 4th Street West	\$595	\$198	gas heat, garage, great location	D
3 1	921 Main Street #3	\$600	\$200	Good location, parking, economical	4
3 1	414 12th Avenue West	\$630	\$210	very large, garage storage	D
3 1	321 13th Avenue West	\$660	\$220	Close to campus, washer dryer, big living room	H

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4 1	1809 6th Street**	\$600	\$150	washer/dryer, gas heat,	H
4 1	1508 10th Street	\$620	\$155	close to Lammers, nice layout	H
4 1	321 13th Avenue West	\$660	\$165	Super location, washer/dryer	H
4 1	921 Main Street #1	\$700	\$175	good location, economical	4
4 2	1509 South Broadway	\$800	n/a	lrg. House, nice location	H
4 1.5	414 14th Avenue West #2	\$800	\$200	modern, high eff. Gas heat, W/D a/c	8
4 1.5	414 14th Avenue West #6	\$800	\$200	modern, high eff. Gas heat, W/D a/c	8
4 1	1600 10th Street	\$850	\$213	great house W/D hook-ups	H
4 2	1515 6th Street	\$900	\$225	spacious, close to campus, washer/dryer	D
4 1	121 1/2 12th Avenue West	\$900	\$225	large apartment, super location washer/dryer	D
4 1.5	121 12th Avenue West	\$900	\$225	super location washer/dryer	D
5 2	405 20th Avenue East	\$850	\$170	great house washer/dryer garage, modern	H
5 2	1115 17th Avenue East	\$875	\$175	very lrg. Rooms W/D hook-up, newly remodeled	H
5 2	2006 5th Street #A**	\$950	\$190	washer/dryer very large, parking	3
5 2	1803 7th Street	\$1,000	\$200	washer/dryer parking, good location, large	D
5 2	408 18th Avenue East	\$1,000	\$200	washer/dryer, close to campus, great home,	H
5 2	1415 1/2 8th Street	\$1,000	\$200	fabulous newer construction washer/dryer	D
5 2	921 8th Street	\$1,000	\$200	washer/dryer, close to campus, great home!	H
5 2	121 13th Avenue West	\$1,100	\$220	large, super location. Washer/dryer	D
6 2	1402 8th Street**	\$700	\$117	washer/dryer gas heat good layout	H
6 2	504 10th Street**	\$900	\$150	W/D hook-ups, gas heat, large rms.	H
6 2	1603 7th Street	\$1,000	\$167	washer/dryer new carpet, very nice	H
6 2	1415 1/2 8th Street	\$1,200	\$200	fabulous newer construction washer/dryer	D
6 2	321 20th Avenue #C	\$1,200	\$200	new large bedrooms, washer/dryer	4
6 2	115 17th Avenue West	\$1,200	\$200	house, location, washer/dryer Parking	D
6 2	408 18th Avenue East	\$1,200	\$200	washer/dryer, close to campus,	H
6 2	921 8th Street	\$1,200	\$200	washer/dryer, close to campus,	H
6 2	1714 8th Street	\$1,230	\$205	large deck, gas heat, washer/dryer	H
6 2	115 1/2 17th Avenue West	\$1,260	\$210	newer unit, great location washer/dryer	D
7 2	220 12th Avenue West	\$1,190	\$170	Great location, washer/dryer/fenced yard	H
7 2	1321 2nd Street West	\$1,365	\$195	large house, 1 blk. from campus washer/dryer	H
7 3	1102 10th Street	\$1,315	\$188	large house, 2 car garage, parking, nice sized rooms	H
8 3	121 12th Avenue West	\$1,800	\$225	1 block from campus! Off street parking, huge house!	D

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zombie socrates

Hey, kids,
it's me: *Zombie Socrates*. I'm
back from the dead
and in Menomonie
for the time being, so
I thought I could do my part for society
by giving advice to you young whip-
persnappers and answer any questions
you might have about the meaning of
life, truth, justice, girlfriend/boyfriend
squabbles or anything in between. The
shop is open, so ask away!

Dear Zombie Socrates,
Where have all the cowboys gone?
Sincerely,
Paula Cole

Dear Paula,
Go to some bars in Brownsville,
Texas.

If you don't find some there, then
my name ain't *Zombie Socrates*.

Dear Zombie Socrates,
Where did the idea of dreaming in
black and white come from? I've never
personally heard of anybody that does
dream in black and white, so is it even
possible?

Sincerely,
Rainbow Dreamer

Dear Dreamer,
Actually, people don't really dream
"in" a certain color; when they dream
their minds assign the objects in their
dreams color where appropriate. But
sometimes the mind may misinterpret
objects or make certain objects appear
in unusual colors (such as a pink tree),
or sometimes fail to assign color at all.
So yes, some people do dream in black
and white, but very rarely, and even if it
does happen sometimes they don't even
realize it.

Dear Zombie Socrates,
Is the plural pronunciation of
Sasquatch "Sasqui"? If not, what is
it? What would be the proper term to
describe a group of them?

Sincerely,
Betty the Yeti

Dear Ms. Yeti,
Actually, plural names ending in 'i'
only correspond to objects that normal-
ly end with the singular of 'us'. Exam-
ples being cactus, pegasus and platypus
would all be cacti, pegasi and platypi
as plural forms. More to the point, how-
ever, some animals have the same plural
form as singular form, examples being
fish, deer, sheep and buffalo.

Within cryptozoology, which is the
search for animals rumored to exist but
for which conclusive evidence is absent,
the same rules apply of plural forms
being the same as singular.

So to answer your question, the
plural of Sasquatch would be Sas-
quatch. Pretty boring I know, but that's
how it is.

Dear Zombie Socrates,
So which came first, the chicken or
the egg?
Sincerely,
The Narr

Dear The Narr,
Wow. How original. I do hope you
realize that question is so cliché. Nev-
ertheless, it depends on your religion.

That's right. If you're a creationist or
something along those lines, then in the
Bible, God said all birds were made on
the fifth day, so there ya go. Chickens
came first. Of course if you believe in
evolution or something like that, you
have to look at where animals and new
species come from.

In all animals, every cell in them
contains the same DNA which comes
from the zygote. The zygote cell in turn
comes from the unity of the sperm and
egg from the previous animals.

In order for a new species to be
created, there must first be a mutation in
the DNA that produced the first zygote
cell. So pretty much when two not-quite-
true-chickens-yet mated, the zygote cell
produced from their egg and sperm
contained mutated DNA that created
the genetic information for the first true
chicken. And since the zygote cell is
housed in the egg containing that new
species, the egg must have come first.

If you have any questions you
would like to ask me, simply send them
to stoutonia@uwstout.edu, and be sure
to include *Zombie Socrates* in the sub-
ject header!

Unjust punishment

By Theresa Radtke
Chief Copy Editor

In fifth grade we had little cub-
bies to keep all our papers in. My best
friend at the time was named Tress and
one day I wrote her a note about our
new teacher. It said something along
the lines of "Hey Tress, what's going
on this weekend? I don't like our new
teacher, do you?"

Well, there was always a helper to
pass back papers to the cubbies. The
helper that day saw the note and gave it
to the teacher.

I got called to come to her desk and
she opened the note for me to see. I
could feel my face turn red as I looked
up at her. She looked down at me and
said, "Theresa, do you know why I
called you back to my desk?"

I answered, "No."

She said, "I read this note, now, do
you want me to call your parents and
tell them what you have done?"

Two things went through my head:
first, my parents wouldn't care if I liked
my teacher or not, and second, what
exactly did I do wrong? It was my own
opinion. The conversation ended with
me saying I didn't want her to call my

parents and then she let me go back to
my seat in class.

I started thinking about this inci-
dent last week in my Foundations of
Education class. We were discussing
why a teacher is in the classroom and
what is ethical punishment.

What makes teachers believe that
every student has to like them? They
are in the school to teach, yet at every
grade level some students can get really
connected to their teachers.

I guess it could be traced back to
colonial times when teachers basically
replaced parental roles. Children as
young as seven years old would go live
with an apprentice to be taught reading,
writing and arithmetic. I guess replac-
ing teachers with parents brought in the
aspect of where to receive nurture.

In my 5th grade class it was a case
of me genuinely not liking my teacher.
Maybe it could've been her teaching
style or that she taught all my subjects,
but in the end I was breaking a school
rule that really should be removed.

Petty things like this shouldn't
be such high concern of the teachers.
Teachers of tomorrow, kids learn best
when having fun, so don't be too critical
with punishment. There are other ways
for them to respect you.

letters to the

"A Modest Proposal"

All the time I was reading Jennifer Gauthier's, "A Modest Proposal" from your last issue, I wasn't sure if it was a "tongue in cheek" article or not. When I was a student I lived on 1st floor Hovlid so I always had the hike to campus ... it wasn't that big of a deal and I most certainly didn't miss class because of it. We had no problem walking out to Wakanda so making it to class was hardly a problem.

Wayne Novotny
Alumnus

Proposed silica mine

As founder of the Hoffman Hills park, I feel our family's sacrifice of substantial inheritance to protect our environment is not appreciated by the community and the state if this mine is allowed to become a reality. If the community wants to show its gratitude for this sacrifice, it would stop this proposal at once.

Dick Hoffman

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Worth a lot more than a few truckloads of sand

By Kyle Kingston
Editor-in-Chief

"UW-Stout students, as a group, don't know anything about Menomonie past their campus. And they generally don't care to."

Okay, those weren't my exact words addressing the gathering of Save Our Hills, a local group of more than 100 citizens protesting a proposed silica mine, but it's a decent approximation. And chances are if you're a student here and you're honest, you'll agree it's an accurate assessment.

It's not that you have anything against the town, it's just that college life is just so busy that local matters seldom, if ever, get a chance to intrude.

A Texas mining company called Proppant bought out farmland by Hoffman Hills and wants to mine silica—sand—for use in oil drilling. The proposed mine is large enough (430 acres) and near enough to Hoffman Hills to disrupt wildlife and cause significant air and noise pollution.

The view from atop the Hoffman Hills observation post is spectacular. Proppant's proposed mine would forever ruin the unspoiled beauty of rolling hills and forest. Hills would be leveled. The quiet would be gone.

Like many UW-Stout students, I've been to Hoffman Hills and fell in love with what's there. Even during winter, there is a beauty and peacefulness about the place that's hard to describe without resorting to cliché.

"Listen to that, what do you hear? Nothing."

Yeah, that's the place.

Last issue I wrote up a quick story for prominent display in the News section regarding the silica mine.

There, I thought. Story done. I've done my part for getting the word out. On to important college type stuff.

Then I met Larry and Tammy Schneider, owners of Rainbow's End Cattle Ranch.

They're slated to be the new mine's neighbors.



Andrew Ohlmann/Stoutonia

A couple weeks ago they spent their Sunday afternoon making quite clear to me the deep impact the mine would have not just on the surrounding area but on their lives, their home and their livelihood.

Hoffman Hills is essentially the Schneiders' backyard. From their kitchen

only thing separating Hoffman Hills from the proposed silica mine is an imaginary line being drawn by telephone wire.

"I support private property rights," said Larry Schneider. "I'm a landowner. But with property ownership comes societal responsibility. You as an indi-

vidual only own that land for a blink in time relative to society. To protect that there needs to be an overriding societal structure that says, 'wait a minute, we can't come in here and absolutely rape this land.' Our feeling is that based on

the zoning that's been put in place by the land use plan, mining at this site is not appropriate. It's a societal goal, objective or vision that supersedes private ownership."

Everyone in Dunn County (that doesn't have a direct financial stake with Proppant) stands to lose from this mine. Taxpayers would be forced to pay for constant road maintenance to accommodate the 100 truckloads of sand traveling daily for a 36-week season.

The revenue generated by Hoffman Hills as a recreation area, which is not insignificant, would have to take a huge hit as people come to realize that what once was a peaceful spot to hike or ski is now neighbor to a place of heavy machinery and dynamiting.

Of course the people who stand to lose the most are people like the Schneiders, the people who thought that when they'd made their homes by Hoffman Hills they had bought a piece of heaven.

"We're living with the fear of the mine going up," said Tammy Schneider. "It's what we think about in the morning and it's what we go to bed with at night. The fear that this mine will become a reality."

The fully transcribed interview with the Schneiders will be available on our Web site, www.stoutonia.com, along with other updates this coming Sunday.

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—Tammy Schneider

window you can see the famed observation tower peek out of the tree line.

And the 430-acre mine that's being proposed isn't going across the street or down the road.

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Runners' high not a myth

By Brittany Bean
Staff Writer

A club exists at the University of Wisconsin-Stout that meets weekly in the hopes that its members will get high.

Let me clarify. This "high" is not a result of drugs or other illegal substances but rather one of the oldest and simplest routines known to man: running.

The UW-Stout Running Club consists of a variety of men and women that participate in scheduled group runs throughout the school year. Jae Venekamp, the club's vice president, joined last year because she loved to run but didn't want the time commitment required of a varsity sport.

Venekamp enjoys the club not only for the friends she has met through it but also because of the way running makes her feel.

"It's a huge stress-relief—it's my one thing that can calm me down no matter how I feel," said Venekamp. "Sometimes it's definitely not fun, but it's one thing that puts me in a state of mind like nothing else can."

That state of mind is frequently referred to as a "runner's high." When a person exercises strenuously, endorphins—compounds in the body that cause a sense of euphoria—are released. This usually occurs during longer, continuous workouts.

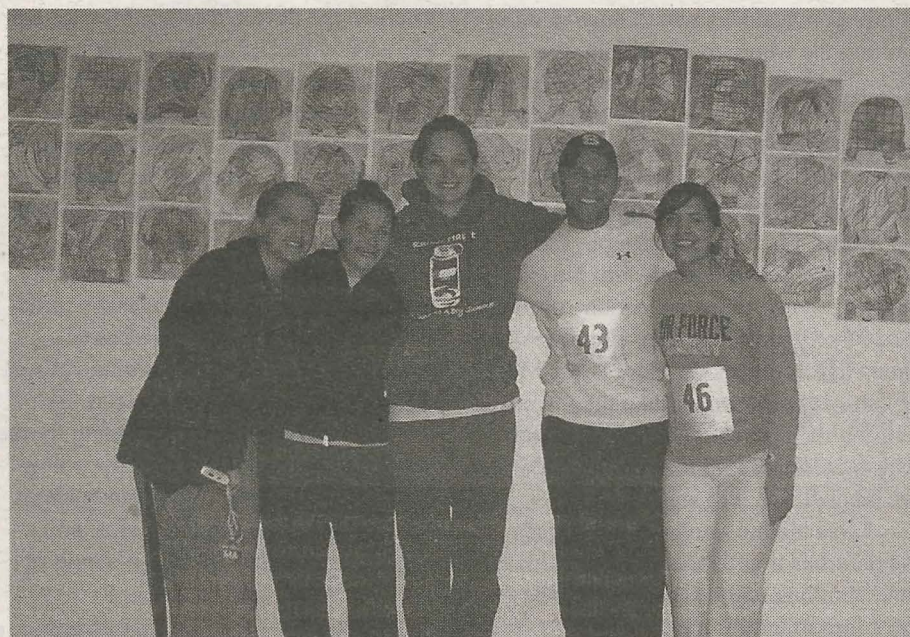
"It is true that you do get runner's high," said Venekamp. "Some runs, not all." Although experiencing a runner's high usually requires a lengthier and more intense run, the club caters to all different levels of athletic ability.

The club's mission statement reads: "The purpose of this organization is to foster a strong camaraderie amongst

Venekamp said people can join at any time during the semester, regardless of whether they have ever run before in their lives.

"I think people have this preconceived notion of what it is we do," Venekamp said. "They think we go out and run miles and miles. And we don't."

The club's purpose is mainly to en-



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Above: Members of the UW-Stout Running Club share a moment of camaraderie before the 15K Norsk Nook Race last spring.

Right: Running Club Vice President Jae Venekamp.

courage people who enjoy running and want to be supported and have fun while they exercise.

In addition to the weekly runs, members can also participate in various road races throughout the year.

In the fall, the club hosts the Blue Devil 5k at UW-Stout, and they also carpool to other road races, like the Get in Gear 10k in Minneapolis.

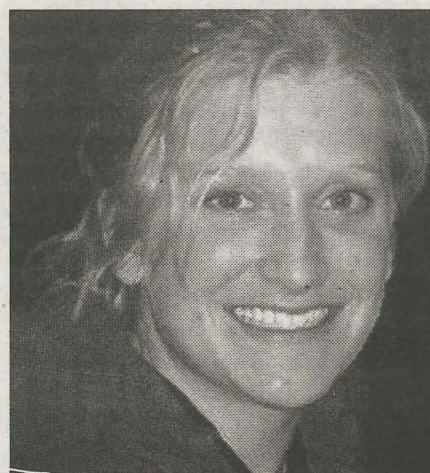
For those runners who prefer a longer course, the club offers the option to train for marathons and half-marathons after winter break.

Participating in this requires more of a time commitment, as well as longer runs each week.

Venekamp stepped up to the challenge last year when she trained for a full marathon; however, she got sick and couldn't actually run the race. It was still rewarding though, and she plans to eventually race in multiple marathons and half-marathons.

"I couldn't live if I couldn't workout," Venekamp said.

The enthusiasm Venekamp displays



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for the sport is common among the athletes who claim they run because it is fun—an odd thought to most people.

Steve Prefontaine, one of the best known runners in recent history, once said, "You have to wonder at times what you're doing out there. Over the years, I've given myself a thousand reasons to keep running, but it always comes back to where it started. It comes down to self-satisfaction and a sense of achievement."

This sense of achievement, accompanied by the "runner's high" and the opportunity to meet new friends, has created a team of runners who both benefit from and grow from the simple and rewarding sport they are so passionate about.

Venekamp encourages people to get involved at any point in their college career. So, if you are like most college students and are stressed, bored or eager to meet new people, then why don't you give this "high" a try?



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Cliff Hanger | A Sam Schuna experience

By Sam Schuna
Opinions Editor

I'm a very timid person by nature, which is why when I was told by *The Stoutonia* staff to go rock climbing for the first time and report my experience, I was, needless to say, a little freaked out. In fact, heights are probably one of my biggest fears, next to women and the Internet. Alas, I set out to do what needed to be done.

I contacted the Stout Adventures Coordinator, Tim Mertz, to see if I could try it out on the house as a reporter, and he accepted. Normally,

however, admission to go rock climbing is \$5 per day for students—unless you bring your own equipment, in which case the toll is reduced to \$3. If you decide this is the kind of thing you want to get really into, all the gear you need for the rock wall here is some climbing shoes and a waist harness, which you can get online from anywhere between \$20 to \$150 each.

I was first required to sign a liability waiver acknowledging that I understood the risks involved with rock climbing, such as falling people, falling on people, entanglement with ropes and the like. After getting that out of the way, I stepped into the colossal main room. With two lofty walls of rock towering 30 feet on either side and a

comfortable blue couch in the corner in front of a coffee table stacked with rock climbing magazines with a huge window bathing the whole room in light, the rock climbing chamber was pretty sweet indeed. The wall on the right side was more geometric and flat planed than the wall on the left, which was apparently cast from a real rock face in Wisconsin. About 15 or so other people were also climbing in the room with me, and contrary to my appearance, none of them looked very afraid for their life or really even slightly jittery for that matter. Most of them actually looked like they were thoroughly enjoying themselves. After looking around, I figured I might as well see what all the fuss was about.

I was talking to one of my friends the previous night about his experience rock climbing and he told me that the most important thing to remember is to not wear shorts. He assured me that the crotch-crushing power of the waist harness is accentuated twofold by failure to wear long pants. I was a bit skeptical of his opinion to say the least, but nevertheless I showed up in what I was wearing: carpenter denim jeans and a red hoodie. After slipping on the purple climbing shoes and getting assistance putting on the harness, I was strapped up and ready to go.

Josh Smeltzer, a fellow classmate of mine, was kind enough to show me the ropes—both literally and figuratively—of the basics of rock climbing. He also gave me some good advice to keep in mind since I hadn't done it before that would make for a better experience: keep your hips close to the rock at all times, climb more with your legs than with your arms, and lastly, don't look up or down. He also told me that if I started to panic up there to just look straight ahead at the wall and take two or three deep breaths.

This was advice that I would shortly thank my lucky stars I had received.

As Josh tied an intricate knot in the rope attached to my waist while I eyed the flat geometric wall I would soon be scrambling up, he explained a couple basic rock climbing terms to me such as belaying, a French term meaning controlling the rope through friction that is fed to a climber. The rope I was attached to formed a kind of "path" up the rock wall for me to follow, and was attached at the other end to a device Josh was holding that controlled the friction and slack of my rope. Anytime I ascended the wall the rope would feed into this device at a parallel angle, but if I was to suddenly lose

my grip and fall, the rope would suddenly be yanked to a vertical angle and catch on the device through friction, halting what would otherwise result in fresh Sam Schuna pancakes topped with a rosy gible syrup. Of course, even without the belaying friction device, the padded bouldering mat spanning the length of the floor would most likely prevent any severe injuries from a fall to occur.

Once the knot was tied, I was free to climb. I knew I couldn't let my mind scare myself out of it before I even started, so I just started climbing without really thinking too much about it. It seemed I had just begun grappling for the many oddly-shaped protrusions jutting from the wall when I was already about ten feet above the ground. "This isn't so bad," I thought. "In fact, it's kind of

"I looked up and saw I was only about seven feet away from the top. I looked down. Bad idea."

easy." I proceeded to grab onto several more of the organically-shaped objects with ease, curving my fingers into their conveniently sculpted hollows while stepping onto the ones I was just hanging from. My arms were starting to get a little tired, and I noticed after I was about halfway up I was breathing a little faster. No biggie. I scouted out for the next modular handhold that I could hang from by my fingers, but then realized that there weren't any. I looked around carefully. I had to be missing one somewhere—but no. There were only small, flat protrusions around me that I could not possibly hang by my fingers from. I started breathing faster still. I looked up and saw I was only about seven feet away from the top. I looked down.

Bad idea. My arms and legs were both shaking pretty vigorously by now. Even though my mind knew I was attached to a rope that would keep me from falling more than a few feet, I kept visualizing a perilous fate gravity would guarantee if I let go. Josh must have seen me hesitating from afar because he prompted me to try to move my right foot over onto one of the small wedges unfit for my fingers. I slowly moved

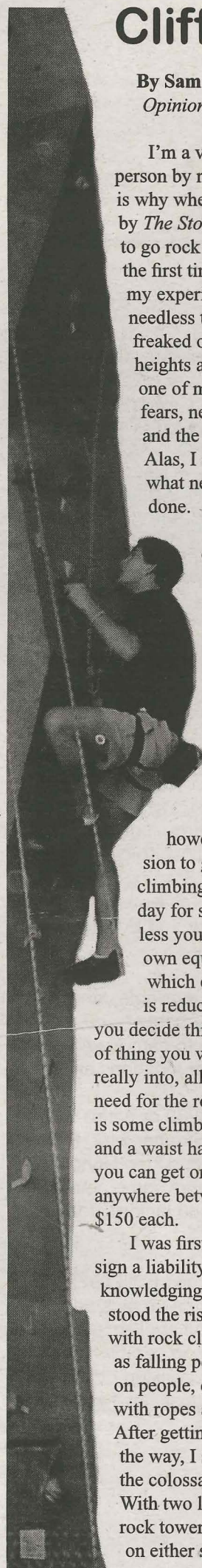
and made several scrambling attempts before finally getting a semi-comfortable foothold, which finally gave me enough leverage to push my other leg onto a higher point while barely hanging onto a spherical support with my other hand. A few more grabs and scrambles and I was finally at the top on my very first try.

"Nothin' to it," I thought as I was panting and spasmodically shaking at the top. Now I just had to get down. Easier said than done; although I was still somehow hanging on, this was definitely the scariest part of the climb for me. I called down to Josh to warn him I was ready to fall, but I found it difficult to fight the feeling that I would just fall like a rock if I let go. I somehow mustered up the courage after a minute or so and then felt my weight shift full force to the harness as I was drifting slowly downward. When I reached the floor I started giggling nervously from the adrenaline rush, and then went to sit down for awhile on the couch to catch my breath.

After regaining my stamina, I decided what I just went through was actually pretty fun.

I also learned that aside from having fun, you can help people when you rock climb, too. On March 3rd, University Recreations-Stout Adventures is giving you the chance to "climb for a cause" by sponsoring the IROCK-IRAQ rock climbing competition where climbers and spectators can donate items to be shipped to Menomonie area service men and women currently stationed in Iraq in order to lift their spirits and show that we support them whole-heartedly. In addition, for every item donated, a participant or spectator will be entered into a raffle that will be held during the award ceremonies. Items suggested to be donated include a variety of things that would be useful to the men and women in service, including snack foods, batteries, socks, soap, phone cards, razors and deodorant. If you would like to register for this event, stop by the Stout Adventures office in the Sports and Fitness Center to pick up a registration form, or go online to <http://urec.uwstout.edu/adventures/rockfest.html> to print one off. Registration after Feb. 23, 2007 will cost \$20 for UW students and \$25 for all other entrants.

The Stout Adventures rock climbing wall is normally open from 4 to 10 p.m. on Sundays through Thursdays and 2 to 6 p.m. on Fridays, but will be closed this week in order to set up for the IROCK-IRAQ climbing competition.





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SENIOR SAYS:

Editor's Note: A brief recap of a few senior athletes' careers at UW-Stout as they say goodbye and prepare to move on. There will be more "senior says" soon at www.stoutonia.com



Jacob Nonemacher, men's basketball center

Nonemacher is a name that will ring on this campus and will not be forgotten. During his time at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, Jacob Nonemacher led his team to many victories, set and broke school records and helped mold the basketball program.

Nonemacher is center on the men's basketball team and is a construction management major from Kalispell, Mont. He is a twin and neither him nor his brother played high school basketball.

"Time flew by," said Nonemacher. "It is sad knowing my time here at UW-Stout is over."

Last year Nonemacher was number 23 on the all time scoring list with 968 points. He beat his own school record of blocked shots in a game with nine. This was a record he had set

the year before with eight and he was second on the team with 359 points.

In the 2005-06 season, Nonemacher set the school record for most blocked shots in a season with 108. He was a WIAC first team selection, had a career high 24 points in a game and he was second in the WIAC in blocks.

"Staying with the commitment of college basketball for all four years is a major accomplishment," said Nonemacher. "Dealing with all the post-season workouts, summer workouts, pre-season conditioning at 6 a.m., and then the season itself, it's a grueling schedule."

Nonemacher also mentioned his accomplishment of being one of the best shot-blockers of all divisions in the country.

After graduation Nonemacher will pursue a career in building his own construction business, or playing professional basketball.

"Professional basketball is an option for me," said Nonemacher. "The past two years there have been scouts watching me for all levels including the NBA, so I am excited to see how far I can go in basketball. In the end it makes you a better person and gives you confidence that you can achieve anything you put your mind to."



Derek Gonzenbach, men's track 400-meter dash

Derek Gonzenbach almost won his third consecutive Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) 400-meter dash indoor title. Gonzenbach would have been only the second athlete to win three consecutive 400-meter titles along with Blue Devil Hall of Fame member Terry Anders.

The high school all-conference football cornerback from Milbank, SD is now a great competitor for the University of Wisconsin-Stout's men's track and field team. Gonzenbach was team captain in 2006 and 2007. In 2006 he was named the UW-Stout track performer of the year as well as MVP.

In the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III indoor championships, Gonzenbach finished 11th in the 400-meter with a time of 50.0. He took first place in the 400-meter in a number of meets in 2006 including

the Blugold Invitational, the Border Battle, the Warren Bowlus open and the UW-Stout open.

Gonzenbach was named the sophomore MVP in 2005 and scored a personal best in the 400-meter hurdles. He also reached an outdoors provisional qualifying time and again took first place a number of times in the 400-meter.

Although Gonzenbach started his athletic career in football, it was track and field that got him where he is today. "I am originally from South Dakota so I came to UW-Stout not knowing anyone; track and field allowed me to meet a lot of great people and coaches. I think the biggest thing track has done for me here is give me structure and really help me with my time management skills," said Gonzenbach.

The teammates and coaches that Gonzenbach has been working with have had a great impact on him. He stated, "The year has gone by pretty fast so I am trying to soak it all in and really enjoy my events and my time I spend with the team and the coaches. The athletes, 'quarter horses,' I train with everyday, push me and show up each day to do work. I appreciate those guys and their day-to-day efforts. They will be friends of mine for a very long time."

Coming up this summer and the following fall, Gonzenbach will be carrying out a co-op and will return for his final semester in the spring. The next event for the men's track and field team is the Division III Championship at the Rose-Hulman Institute in Terre Haute, Ind. on March 9th and 10th.



Andy Wiesner, men's hockey forward

While the University of Wisconsin-Stout hockey team was on fire, you can't help but recognize some of those seniors who have brought this team from the bottom to the top. One of those seniors who helped the team improve these past four years is Andy Wiesner.

"Playing on the hockey team has been an awesome experience, both on and off the ice," said Wiesner. "I feel a great deal of pride when I look back on the past four years in the hockey program."

The hockey team was not always the best out there. Four years ago, the team was near the bottom of the barrel. However, with the help of some great young players, the team fought back and charged upward. Then this year, the team did reach the top by taking first place in the NCHA, tied with St. Norbert College

and University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

"The biggest accomplishments that I remember are obviously the outstanding year we have had, in many different ways," said Wiesner. He also mentions how his own success on the ice would not have been possible without his teammates out there with him.

Throughout these past four years, the team has bonded really well to make the team that much better. However, this past year, the team took it to the next step.

"We spent three or four hours a day together at hockey and still hang out together off the ice afterwards," said Wiesner. He credits the good team chemistry with part of the result of this great season the team has had.

As senior forward, Wiesner is finishing his final year at UW-Stout, and soon it will be time for him to move on to do bigger and better things. However, you can be sure that the times spent with the guys on the ice won't be forgotten.

"I will always remember that the guys I played with are great teammates and friends."



Amanda Geissler, women's basketball guard

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's basketball team has accomplished a three-time regular season championship as well as a three-time Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) tournament championship for the years 2005, 2006 and 2007. UW-Stout is the first team to win the WIAC tournament three years in a row. There have been many contributors to this achievement and one of them is senior Amanda Geissler.

Amanda is an applied science major from Thorp, Wis. that has won the UW-Stout women's basketball team Hustle award for two seasons.

At just five foot, three inches tall, Geissler is the shortest player on the team.

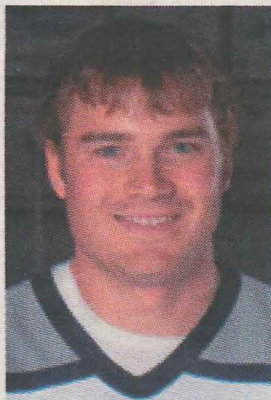
But that doesn't seem to slow her down one bit. In the 2005-06 season, Amanda was second on the team with 71 assists. She played in all 30 games and started in 25 of them.

In Geissler's first season at UW-Stout, she played in all 27 games and was named the team's rookie of the year along with teammate Savannah Oeltjen. Amanda's success started with her presence on her high school team. She holds her high school's record in assists and helped lead her team to the state playoffs.

She was also the team captain, Channel 7 all-star, Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) all-star and Marshfield News-Herald player of the year. When it came to choosing a college, one factor stood out to Geissler she said, "Basketball was the reason I came to UW-Stout. I knew that it would be a lot of work, but it definitely pays off (in a good way)."

After Amanda graduates, she will be moving to Minnesota to pursue a career in pharmaceutical sales. Yet she won't soon forget the time she has spent at UW-Stout. "I have met some of my best friends through basketball and I will never forget my teammates and the memories we have shared these last four years. I wouldn't trade them for the world," said Amanda.

As for the rest of the team, UW-Stout has earned an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III tournament. The first round game is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m.



Andrew Stearns, men's hockey forward

A construction management major, hockey forward Andrew Stearns is at the end of his hockey career at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

"It's sad knowing I will never be a part of a team as special as this," said Stearns. "The experience has made me a lot of great friends and has taken my mind off school work which is always a plus."

Last year Stearns was first on the team in team points and goals. He was an NCHA honorable mention selection and a WIAC first team selection.

This year he was an honorable mention selection and was named to the All-NCHA academic team.

Through his time at UW-Stout Stearns has been a part of huge changes and accomplishments in the hockey program.

"I just try to be a good teammate," said Stearns. "It has been really fun watching and being a part of the team really turning around in the last three years. My first year if someone asked me what sport I played and I said hockey, the common answer was, 'really, UW-Stout has a hockey team?' but it is not like that any more and we really appreciate all the support."

Stearns commented that after he graduates he wants to stay active in sports by fishing and hunting and when he starts to miss the game he wants to help out with a local youth hockey program.

After graduation Stearns plans to find a job out west as a field coordinator for The Industrial Company.



Taylor Mayo, women's track 55 and 100 meter high hurdles, high jump, javelin

Team captain and leader, Taylor Mayo ends her track and field career at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Hailing from Iron River, Mich., Mayo is an apparel design major who competes in the 55 and 100 meter hurdles, high jump and javelin throw.

"I will miss track because of the great people I have become friends with," said Mayo. "Being involved in a sport taught me discipline and time management as well as seeing hard work pay off."

In 2006 she placed fourth in the javelin throw with a distance of 108 feet, 7 inches at the WIAC outdoor championships. Mayo also placed second in the high jump at the Washington University meet with a jump of 4 feet, 9 inches.

This year she placed fourth in the high jump with a jump of 4 feet, 10.5 inches at the Warren Bowlus open and scored a career best in the high jump with a jump of 4 feet, 11.75 inches at the WIAC indoor championships.

When asked how she felt she could help her team after she leaves, Mayo said, "By being positive and cheering on my teammates sets a positive example for them to follow when I leave."

After graduation Mayo plans to be involved in sports leagues and wants to volunteer to coach high school level track. She plans to pursue a career in outdoor apparel design.

"Being involved with track in college was one of the best decisions I made," said Mayo. "It has given me memories I won't forget."



Nicole Sims, women's track sprints and jumps

A human development and family studies major, Nicole Sims is in her last year at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. On the track team she participates in sprints and high jumps.

Sims came to UW-Stout in 2005 after completing her first year of college at the University of North Dakota. She had many achievements during high school and continued setting her goal at UW-Stout.

"I think I am ready to be done with the track and field for a while," said Sims. "I have loved being on the team and competing with the wonderful people around me. I have had coaches willing to push me and teammates willing to put up with me."

Sims was a three time state champion in the long jump in high school and a four time state participant in the triple jump.

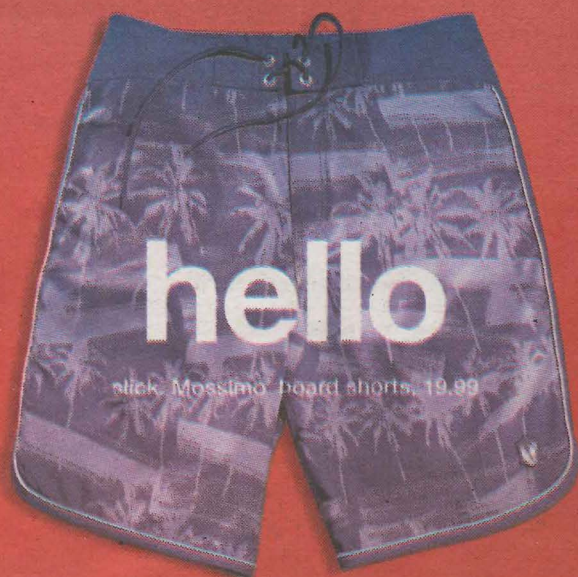
She set school records, was named most valuable player and was five-year all-conference.

In 2006 she was named most valuable field athlete; she placed fourth in the heptathlon in the WIAC outdoor championships and took two first place finishes at the Washington University meet in the long jump and triple jump.

This year Sims took second place in the 55 hurdles with a time of 9.25 at the Border Battle.

After she graduates Sims wants to coach high school level gymnastics and maybe coach track. Sims also mentioned that she can't wait until the day she gets to watch her children play sports and enjoy them as much as she did.

Upon graduation Sims plans to move back to Minnesota, find a job and get married.



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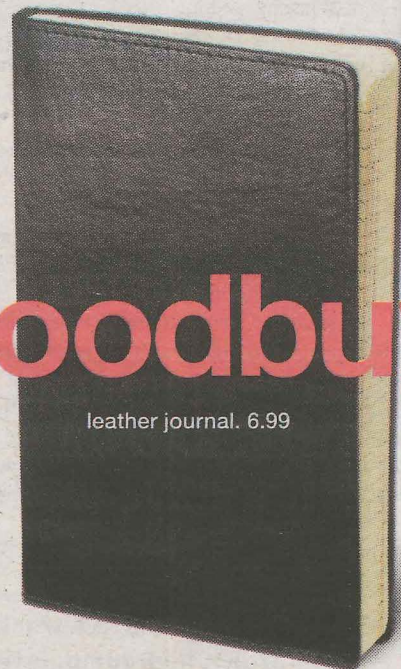


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Waterfront hosts another groovy show

Matt Houdek

Entertainment Writer

The buzz around town about the Fat Maw Rooney show at The Waterfront Bar & Grill in Menomonie Friday, Feb. 16, had been steadily building since it was first announced about a month ago. It got to a point where the expectations were high and the anticipation had become electric. As the Waterfront employees rushed tables and stools out the back door to make room for dancing, Fat Maw was coming in through the front with their instruments and equipment, dodging the crowd of music-hungry people that filtered in, trying to make it to stage. As the first notes of the sound check rang through the packed room, one could feel the intensity of what was about to come: Fat Maw Rooney was in town tonight.

Preceded by one of the best reputations in the Midwest, Fat Maw has been dishing out solid, intelligent, funky music since 1996 when the group first came together in the Milwaukee area. With roots strongly founded in blues, funk and R&B, Fat Maw's sound is one that escapes genre specification, a factor which may contribute to their success and popularity among the college-aged crowds.

Fat Maw Rooney is a talented five-piece unit consisting of two guitars, a bass, drums

and other percussion, and integrates dead-on five-part harmonies that have the power to send a chill up one's spine. Both individually and as a group, they perform with passion, intensity and a trust in one another to take musical journeys into the unrehearsed unknown.

It was a perfect night for music and The Waterfront was full of good vibes. The people were ready for a good time. With the crowd-shaking opener "Shine On," which allowed Fat Maw to stretch out and get comfortable in the room, it looked as though our expectations would not be let down on this particular Friday night. The guitar interplay between R.J. Peterson, Craig Baumann and bassist Kevin Rowe created an intelligent tapestry of funk. The rhythmic drive of percussionist Ryan Necci and drummer Joshua Vaughn, supported this full emptiness as well and at points in the night it was as though they were two drummers united as one big jazz-oriented polyrhythmic machine, merciless and yet so refined.

With a stellar version of "All the Good Friends," which became something of an anthem for the night, it became apparent that Fat Maw had found their groove at The Waterfront.

Necci, who was celebrating his 25th birthday that night, expressed his gratitude for all the people who came out to see them, say-

ing that "It was good to see so many friendly faces; we didn't really expect to find such a good scene here [at The Waterfront], we were just glad to see that we were so accepted and that everybody was having such a good time." And indeed people were.

Dancing bodies filled the bar as people hooted, hollered, screamed and yelped in between songs or during particularly rich moments of music. With rockin' versions of Otis Redding's "Hard to Handle" and the Fat Maw tune, "River Love Blues," it was clearly the place to be in Menomonie on such a cold winter night.

"You never really know what to expect when you play in a new place, but overall we were all really surprised and happy about the show," Necci remarked. It was clear that everyone in attendance felt the same way, and all in all, it was a fun, funky and musically rich night.

For more information about Fat Maw Rooney or to see where they are playing next, check out their band Web site www.fatmawrooney.com and for information about their festival, Fat Fest, held on July 5, 6 and 7, go to www.fatfest.org. Let's hope that they will make it back to Menomonie some time in the near future.

After a show like this one, I'm sure that they will once again be well-received.

Movie stars like to think they can rock

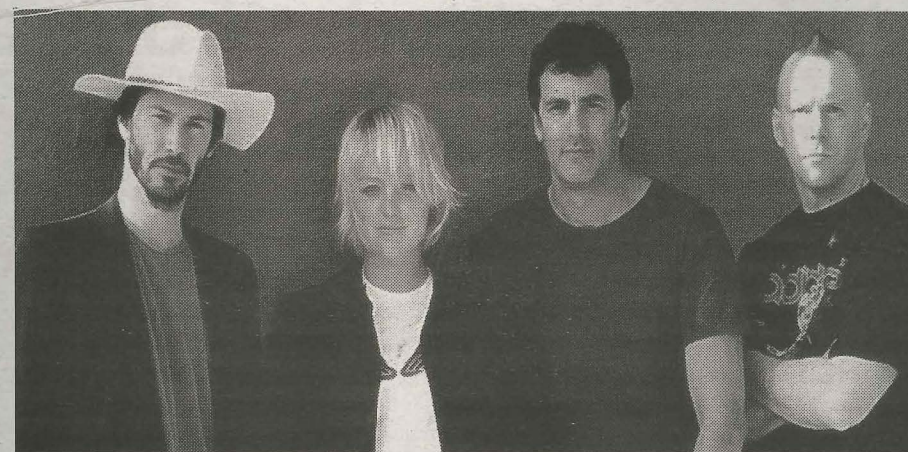
Chelsea Rickert

Entertainment Editor

For a long time artists of entertainment have dabbled in many areas; some screen actors like to take a break from movie-making and dip into other genres like stage acting on Broadway, such as Matthew Broderick, who performed in "The Producers" with Nathan Lane and Will Ferrell. Some movie actors like to regress to the TV world to star in series like Charlie Sheen in the sitcom "Two and a Half Men" and Denis Leary in "Rescue Me."

In the past, Bruce Willis, Don Johnson, and Eddie Murphy have tried their hand at the musical industry. The off-key wailing of Don Johnson, who played David Simms in "Tin Cup," will never be forgotten in the song "Heartbeat." Eddie Murphy sang his angst about his girl who just wanted to "party all the time." And Bruce Willis? His musical endeavors can be found in the album "The Return of Bruno," in which Willis sings his renditions of "Under the Boardwalk" and "Save the Last Dance for Me."

What of today's silver screen songsters? There are a few celebrities who are dipping their talents into the music industry and forming their own bands. Whether or not these musical attempts are worth two spits can be left up to the individual.



Source: www.reeves-dogstar.com

Keanu Reeves once played in a "grunge" band. Seriously.

Undisputed heart throb and Tim Burton favorite, Johnny Depp played lead guitar with his musical project The Kids. The band is now extinct, but enjoyed modest success in the '80s (complete with Flock of Seagulls-style haircuts), before Depp's acting career took off. The band played in tribute to the mother of Depp's best friend in Pompano Beach, Fla.

A little fresher to the music scene is the "Matrix" trilogy frontman, Keanu Reeves. His outfit "Dogstar" was a former grunge band in which Reeves was the bassist. The band was formed due to a chance encounter at

a supermarket with Reeves and the drummer Robert Mailhouse in 1991. The funny thing about this band was its original name, Small Fecal Matter, before settling on Dogstar, after Mailhouse found the name in Henry Miller's book "Sexus." In 1995 they opened for Bon Jovi in Australia and New Zealand and shared a stage with David Bowie. The band released two albums, "Our Little Vissionary" in 1996 and "Happy Ending" in 2000.

Multi-talented people can attract a lot of attention simply due to their popularity, but some go beyond their status and try new things. Sometimes these attempts fail horri-

Snout Saloon opens its arms to atypical performers

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Sometimes you see the greatest things happen when there isn't anyone else there to witness it. Somethign like this happened this past Saturday, Feb. 17, when the Milwaukee-based group, Stealin' Strings, performed at the Snout Saloon in Chippewa Falls, Wis.

They have been described as a string band that plays bluegrass, as an electric band that plays newgrass and even as a rock band that plays progressive tunes. However, Stealin' Strings is a band that is all of these things and so much more.

The Snout Saloon isn't exactly the type of place that one would think to look for a band like Stealin' Strings. Nevertheless, jamming in the corner of the bar were the guys from Stealin' Strings. They were playing a bluegrass version of Phish's "Back On The Train" and the place was absolutely hopping. The crowd was diverse to say the least, but their music transcended the limitations of genre and taste and seemed to speak to everyone that was in attendance on a personal and intimate level.

Toward the end of the first of the three sets was when Stealin' Strings really came alive with a rockin' version of their original piece, "Strange Things." The title sums up the song rather well, as it incorporated complicated progressions, unconventional time signatures, and stellar guitar harmonies that were all driven by their tight and active rhythm sec-



Source: www.summersounds.net

Blue grass outfit Stealin' Strings romanced the Snout Saloon stage, a venue that rarely hosts this type of music.

tion. With energetic stage presence and great interactions between each of the members of the band, they closed out the song tightly and with an immense amount of remaining energy, leaving the audience dumb-founded with dropped jaws and wide eyes. When opening the second set with a perfectly executed bluegrass version of Guns N' Roses' "Sweet Child of Mine," it was confirmed that Stealin' Strings is a force to be reckoned with.

When a band that is playing traditional bluegrass on acoustic instruments one minute and then launches in to a sick, Umphrey's McGee-meets-Frank Zappa electric progressive

composition the next minute, the chances are that people are going to be entertained and enjoy themselves.

The band is comprised of four musicians: Ryan Ogburn on mandolin, acoustic and electric guitar and vocals; Rob Shively on acoustic and electric guitar and vocals; Jordan Kroeger on bass and vocal; and Rob Buehler on drums, formerly of the group Circadian. The four create a style of music that is completely their own. Although they touched on a wide range of music genres throughout the night, it all seemed to have the same kind of feeling to it, or rather, coming from the same voice, unified

by a common groove.

Having just recently returned from a Colorado tour, Stealin' Strings brought their own brand of music that incorporates the newgrass feel of the mountains along with the progressive-jam feel that has been happening in the Midwest since the rise and formation of Umphrey's McGee. Ogburn's soulful voice and Shively's perfectly matching harmonies adds a lot to their show as well, as demonstrated by the second set closer, "Old Lost Whiskey Blues."

"Dinosaur Attack," which they were shredding so hard on that Ogburn broke a string, was one of the highlights of the night as it wined and weaved through a fluent and intense electric composition that was played expertly and with an immense amount of passion. A bluegrass version of Keller Williams' "Bob Rules" made for some laughs for the few that recognized the song, and it served as a perfect placement near the middle of the third and final set.

With teasers of Pink Floyd's "Time" and the Grateful Dead's "He's Gone," and with an amazingly diversified original repertoire, Stealin' Strings rocked the Snout Saloon and no doubt made lasting impressions on all those who were there for the show.

For more information on Stealin' Strings check out their Web site at www.stealinstrings.com. For tour dates, search Stealin' Strings at www.jambase.com.

Various methods of distraction on the Interwubs

Chelsea Rickert

Entertainment Editor

It is almost spring break. This means that students are now fully immersed in "crunch-time." Projects are due, every professor is giving midterms, and holy crap you have less than two weeks to bust ass at the gym to get that fit, toned spring break bod.

With all of this piled on top of students, there is a great need to find ways to reduce stress. Many tend to lean towards the more-unhealthy choices as Sig Tau's suspension would suggest. However, with the cold weather upon us, sometimes it is a better decision to be lazy and stay indoors. The University of Wisconsin-Stout is a wonderful learning establishment that provides laptops to its students for educational purposes.

However, in times of need it is safe to assume that students can use these tools for a safer form of entertainment than braving the frozen wasteland that is northern Wisconsin.

The superhighway of knowledge is also the two-lane dirt road of entertainment. Students spend a lot of time playing around on the Internet because there are so many interesting things to discover.

Randomness

First and foremost comes the important Web sites. These are the places that frazzled students go to unwind and let their brain go comatose after a long, grueling day of classes and yadda yadda. For cheap laughs and amusement, there are crazy sites like Gizoogole, a Google parody that translates the language of your favorite Web sites into "Jive." Viewing even the simplest of Web sites becomes humorous as everyday words are jazzed up with -izzles and stylistically-dropped consonants.

Of course there is the popular Youtube.com, which has streaming videos galore. Browsers can watch various "shorts," some professional and others made in a basement, all of which are hilarious.

Episodes of many TV shows can be streamed from Youtube.com, as well as music videos and commercials. There are even feature-length movies to watch for those who are willing to compromise quality. In any case, if you want to watch it, you can find it on Youtube.com.

Keeping in line with online video, Keepvid.com lets users download videos that would normally stream as a file. The difference is that these videos can be saved

to the computer, which eradicates the problem of losing the file due to the constant fluctuations of video streaming Web sites.

Comics have been a favorite of those who like to read but don't have the ability to focus their attention span on the plain text in novels.

Web comics are becoming increasingly popular and there are so many to choose from. Dayfreepress.com is a reference place for many comics. Any newb can find their reading pleasure with the selection that Dayfreepress.com has to offer.

A plethora of song

If there's one thing that the college student psyche needs, it's a healthy dose of new music whenever they want. Because of this, many resort to illegal file sharing (gasp!), which is naughty.

Luckily for students there are wicked good streaming radio feeds like Shoutcast.com. There's music for every taste with the hundreds of stations offered.

For those who desire a little bit more control of the music they listen to but still want to find new music without breaking the law, there is Pandora.com. This Web site lets listeners experience their favorite

artists while also hearing related musicians and groups or styles.

Listeners can select certain musicians and create personalized "stations" that play music from their selected artists as well as other, newer artists that sound like them or reflect some quality of the original artist's style.

Learn something new

As college students, it is our duty to gain as much knowledge and learn as much stuff as humanly possible. This is the justification for needing to pull all-nighters. For the adventurous and studious who have a little time on their hands, there are many how-to Web sites to explore.

Not that the Stoutonia promotes alcohol consumption in any way, shape, or form, but Morebeer.com is an educational Web site. It offers extensive research and tips on brewing your own beer. Home brewers can purchase everything they need from this site, including equipment and kits for several different flavors of beer.

Members can sign up for beer tours in different countries and learn about the history of beer making fresh from the mother source.

What a fruit!

Ashley Smolen
Food Columnist

Winter needs to end. The snow and cold were nice for a time, but now, it's really getting old. Hot, thick, heavy foods just aren't quite as satisfying as what they were in those early wintry days. Right about now is when the taste buds of many people begin craving something light and fresh. The foods typically associated with warmer weather just don't seem to be the tastes so many crave. Where is the happy medium that allows the comforts of winter to transition into a flavorful spring?

Now that so many are ready to break out

Starfruit (AKA Carambola)

This star shaped fruit adds a funky twist to a healthy diet. When selecting the fruit, look for one bright, even, golden-yellow in color. The peel is edible, and the taste resembles a cross something between an apple and a grape.

Blood Orange

A variation of a well-known favorite, blood oranges possess a deeper, richer color (hence the name) than traditional oranges. The taste is a bit sweeter and more tart than the oranges one may be used to. Blood oranges make an exceptionally great addition to fruit salads and dish presentation.

Celementine

A variation of the Mandarin orange; this seedless fruit is tangy and sweet.

Pomegranate

This round, reddish fruit has gained popularity and exposure during the past year. The pomegranate is filled with hundreds of tiny seeds, which are the edible portion of this sweet and delectable fruit. To eat, cut the pomegranate in half, and use a spoon to remove the seeds. The seeds can be eaten alone, or placed in fruit salads. Pomegranates are a great source of potassium and vitamin C.



Drew Retherford/Stoutonia

Fruits, such as this Starfruit, have nutrients that boost your immune system to keep you safe from sickness during the winter weather.

of winter's fog, perhaps it's also time to explore new tastes and options, not only to invigorate the senses, but also to enhance one's sense of culinary adventure.

Fruits are a great way to satisfy both. Sure, apples, bananas and oranges seem like old news. However, new varieties of these familiar fruits, as well as some not-so-familiar ones are readily available. The fruits listed below are highly recommended. Check the local grocery store or a co-op for a great selection of tastes that are sure to help break the mundane days of winter.

The following information is paraphrased from The Food Lover's Companion by Sharon Tyler Herbst.

Avoiding illness through eating

Ashley Smolen
Food Columnist

Winter is apparently not over yet. As citizens of the Midwest, last week's balmy temperatures were a short lived victory over this dreaded season.

With the campus once again bathed in white, it's important to remember that warm temperatures or not, it is still the cold and flu season. At this momentous time of the semester, the combination of stress and winter may lead people to feeling quite under the weather (literally and figuratively).

This being said, how can one build the immune system to prevent and repair the plague of winter? Lucky for those individuals with a hearty appetite, food is amongst one of the most powerful and beneficial answers. Likewise, food can also hurt the immune system. The following information, as found on www.askdrsears.com, provides a thorough look at both beneficial and harmful foods.

Keep colds and flu at bay

Maintain an ample intake of Vitamin C. For most individuals, this is a well-known remedy. Citrus fruits and virtually all vegetables are brimming with this infection-fighting nutrient. Because vitamin C is water soluble, the body quickly excretes whatever it does not use. This is often of the best and easiest "fix it" to fit into a diet. The cost is essentially nothing, as most foods contain some amounts of vitamin C. This nutrient is not only good for colds and flu, but for other diseases as well. Vitamin C increases white blood cell counts, which fight off infection, which in turn protect your body from the flu and other viruses.

Get Enough Vitamin E

Though not as well known as vitamin C, vitamin E is another disease fighting nutrient. It can be found in grains, vegetable oils, and seeds. Vitamin E is a bit more difficult to intake in ample amounts. However, any amount is better than none. Become aware of nutrition labels and look for the presence of this immune-boosting nutrient. The body will appreciate it, both inside and out.

Eat Garlic (but warn roommates first)

Garlic is known for its body-boosting abilities. Askdrsears.com points out that garlic "stimulates the multiplication of infection-fighting white cells, boosts natural killer cell activity and increases the efficiency of antibody production..."

Fresh garlic will be most beneficial in providing these beneficial results. Garlic is great in dips, on meat, in sauces and paired with breads. Do be warned, however, garlic has the tendency to be a bit potent. There-

fore, be sure to know how much is a tolerable amount before digging in.

Make it Hot

Spicy foods are a great way to clear sinuses and congestion. Askdrsears.com provides this insight to the benefits of heating things up. Hot foods such as chili peppers, hot mustard, radishes, pepper, onions, and garlic, contain substances called "mucolytics" that liquefy thick mucus that accumulates in the sinuses and breathing passages.

Varying degrees of heat are available for virtually all spicy foods. As mentioned with the intake of garlic, potency is a concern. The goal is to help the body, rather than overpower it. If food is too hot, avoid drinking water to cool the heat. This only spreads the fire. Dairy substances, such as milk, are the neutralizers that will offer the best relief from an over-heated mouth.

If being sick sounds like fun:

Eat a lot of sugar

Sugar greatly reduces the infection-fighting abilities of white blood cells. The effects of high sugar intake on white blood cells may settle in as soon as half an hour after ingestion. The effect may last for hours. In other words, be leery of how much pop and candy is present in a day's diet.

Drink a ton

Excess alcohol is not kind to the immune system. Excessive drinking, as stated by Askdrsears.com, "produces an overall nutritional deficiency, depriving the body of valuable immune-boosting nutrients." Alcohol is a lot like sugar in that when consumed in excess, it can reduce the white cells ability to multiply and kill germs. In moderation, alcohol does not appear to harm the immune system. However, the Web site reminds that, "amounts of alcohol that are enough to cause intoxication are also enough to suppress immunity."

Eat a stick of butter

To be fair, eating a stick of butter is a bit extreme. However, excessive fat does harm the immune system. Essentially, large amounts of fat create a very sluggish system, which is not good for fighting infections and quick repair.

Keep in mind that sometimes, despite one's best efforts, a cold or flu simply cannot be avoided. When that happens, take to heart that wise advice mothers world-wide are so well known for: drink plenty of fluids, take it easy, and remember to get some rest! Brains and bodies need a chance to re-charge every now and then- don't wait until sickness settles in to take action.

Flamin' comicbook film



Source: www.rottentomatoes.com

Nothing can be cooler than a ripped, leather-clad Nicholas Cage on a wicked hog.

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Entertainment Writer

"Years ago, he made a deal to save someone he loved, what he didn't know is the price he would have to pay."

Yet another successful comic book-based movie has been released. As depicted in the comic books, "Ghost Rider" is about a man who, at age 17, sells his soul to the devil in exchange to save his father. In turn he becomes the devil's motorcycle-riding bounty hunter. The plot isn't complex in nature but the movie is entertaining nonetheless. "Ghost Rider" opened to a strong 44.5 million weekend but it didn't seem like the theaters were filled like they should be. A 10:40 showing on opening night in Menomonie, Wis. only aroused a dismal dozen viewers.

"Ghost Rider" should be given more credit than it has so far with an entertaining cast that couldn't have been cast any better. Nicolas Cage is a perfect fit for Johnny Blaze, even Johnny Depp couldn't do better. Eva Mendes, plays true to her past roles and does a fine job as the love interest of Johnny Blaze. Peter Fonda, brother of Jane Fonda,

plays a very dark but almost likeable Mephistopheles, also known as the Devil. Sam Elliott, famous for his roles as the classic American Cowboy, plays a major role as one of the original Ghost Rider cowboys. Wes Bentley, known as the creepy camera guy in American Beauty, plays Mephistopheles' estranged son and "Ghost Rider" nemesis, Blackheart.

The dialogue can be somewhat cheesy and cliché, like when Blaze states, "You're going down." There are several one-liners that are humorous like during Ghost Rider's first man-hunt...err, monster hunt. To his victim wallowing "Have mercy," Blaze explains, "Sorry. All out of mercy."

The movie's special effects are up to par with any of the Marvel comic movies although it certainly wouldn't beat the better of them. Don't expect a Superman or Spiderman, but definitely expect to be entertained.

The movie garners a PG-13 rating, although "Ghost Rider" has many graphic scenes that would scare young children and even some adults.

Don't forget to visit the official Web site, www.sonypictures.com/movies/ghost rider/ to sell your soul and to set yourself ablaze.

Not a war movie, really

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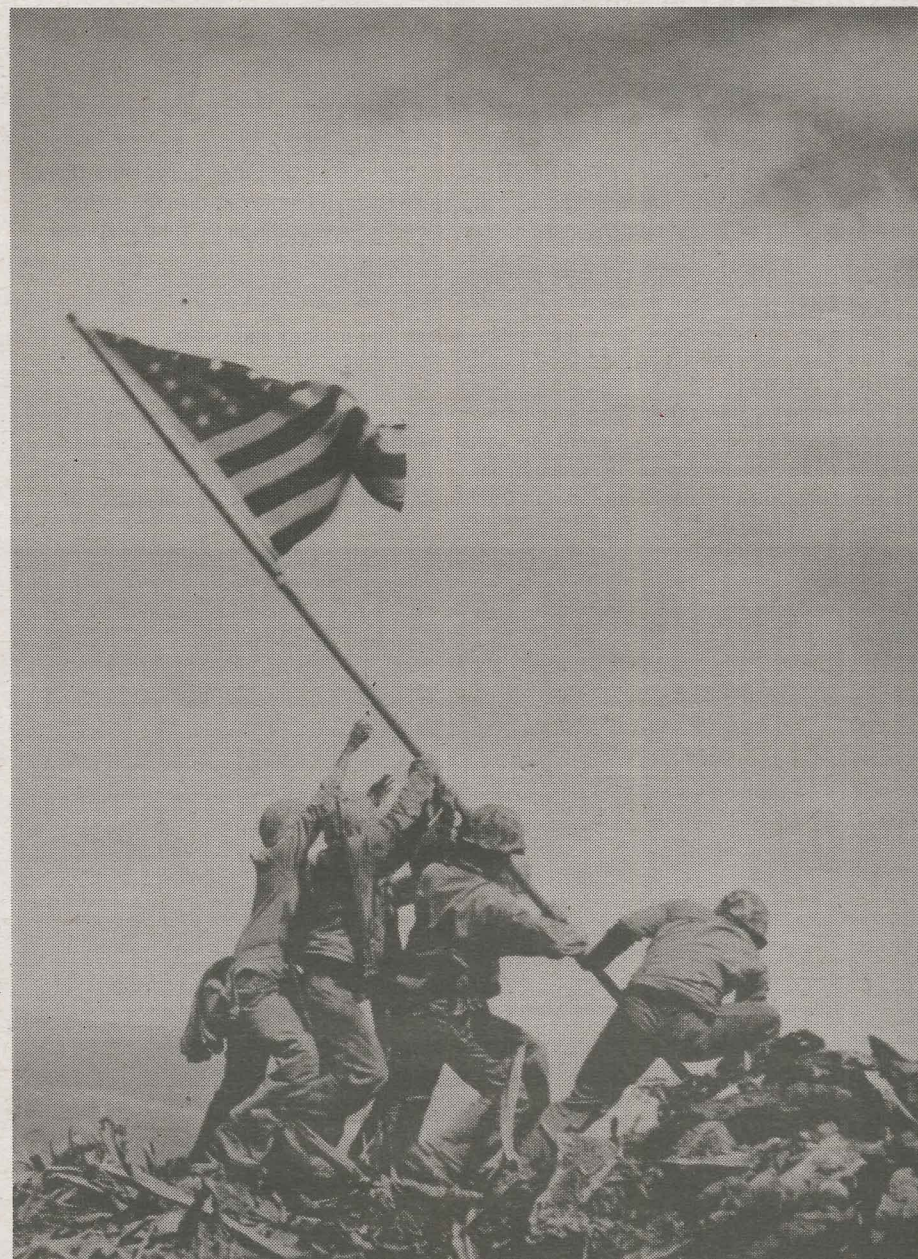
"Letters from Iwo Jima" is a 2006 Academy Award and Golden Globe-winning war film directed by Clint Eastwood about the Battle of Iwo Jima from the perspective of Japanese soldiers. This film is complementary to Eastwood's "Flags of Our Fathers" which depicts the same battle from the American viewpoint.

"Letters from Iwo Jima," though produced by an American company, is almost entirely in Japanese. It begins in present-day Iwo Jima with two Japanese archaeologists who uncover something about the events of that infamous day in 1945. The movie

then depicts these events, telling the stories of conscript to the Japanese Imperial Army Pfc. Sagio and Lieutenant General Tadamichi Kuribayashi. These two good friends watch helplessly throughout various battles as their comrades are killed.

Newsweek critics described this film as "unprecedented, a sorrowful and savagely beautiful elegy that can stand in the company of the greatest antiwar movies." In reality, this movie is an anti-discrimination statement like Eastwood's 1971 blockbuster "Dirty Harry."

"Letters" was filmed in 33 days with a budget of \$20 million. It is showing daily on the big screen at the Oakwood Mall Theater in Eau Claire.



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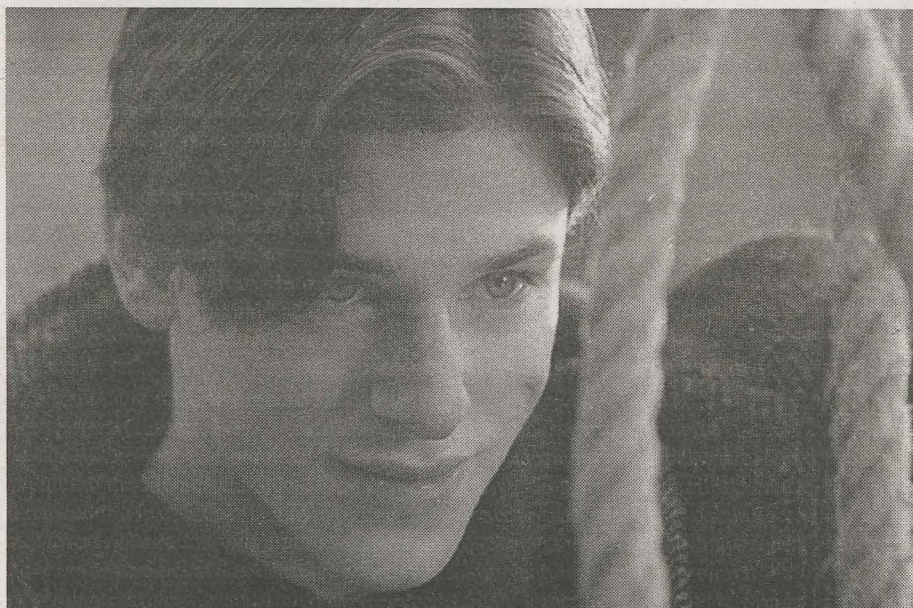
Prequel to popular psycho-thriller series too cliché

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With the successful Hannibal Lector series that began with "Manhunter" in 1986, "The Silence of the Lambs" in 1991, "Hannibal" in 2001 and then "Red Dragon," a remake of Manhunter in 2003, it seemed fit to create the prequel to the entire series, "Hannibal Rising."

"Hannibal Rising" is the only film of the series where Thomas Harris wrote both the book and the film. The movie was a suggestion by Producer Dino De Laurentis after he remembered a two page reference to Hannibal's sister Mischa in the 1981 novel "Red Dragon." He mentioned to Harris that people would be interested in learning about Lector's beginnings.

"Hannibal Rising" previews made the movie out to be much scarier than it really is. It almost aims more to the teenage crowd instead of Hannibal veterans. There is a significant amount of gore, yet the movie still seems to lack that thrill the other movies are characterized by. The special effects are gruesome and eerily life-like. The movie was sluggish which had me checking my watch quite a few times and wondering when it was



Source: www.rottentomatoes.com

Young Hannibal looks hungrily upon a noose as he contemplates the demise of his next victim. While fans of the Lector series may be unimpressed, the movie satisfies viewers taste for gore.

going to pick up the pace again, if at all.

As many reviewers and die hard fans of the Hannibal movies noticed, in "The Silence of the Lambs" Lector says to Clarice, "Nothing happened to me, Officer Starling.

I happened. You can't reduce me to a set of influences." Unfortunately, the latest installment, "Hannibal Rising," is about how his influences as a child made him the way he is. OOPS: Making Lector a product of his child-

hood experiences makes the movie too cliché and inadequate for the honorable Lector legacy. There are also several other references to the original books that failed to be consistent in the movie.

The casting is well done for the most part. Two major flubs would be Li Gong, a Chinese actress, who is known for her parts in "Memoirs of a Geisha" and "Miami Vice." She stars as Hannibal Lector's Japanese aunt. However, this isn't the first time she has played a Japanese character. The other casting flub would be Gaspard Ulliel. Although well suited to play Hannibal's dark character, his physical resemblance to the original Hannibal is hard to imagine because his long face does not resemble Anthony Hopkin's rounder features. Another distinguishable discrepancy would be Ulliel's scar, which is not makeup but an old injury that occurred as a result of a Doberman attack. Seeing through those faults, Ulliel, age 23, plays young Hannibal almost as if he was made for the role.

While this movie might not have done damage to the series, it also did not add to it. Fans of the series would have a hard time appreciating this movie but those who are not familiar with the series might enjoy it.

79th ANNUAL ACADEMY AWARDS

Best motion picture of the year -
"The Departed"

Performance by an actor in a leading role -
Forest Whitaker in "The Last King of Scotland"

Performance by an actress in a leading role -
Helen Mirren in "The Queen"

Performance by an actress in a supporting role -
Jennifer Hudson in "Dreamgirls"

Performance by an actor in a supporting role -
Alan Arkin in "Little Miss Sunshine"

Best animated feature film of the year -
"Happy Feet"

Achievement in directing -
Martin Scorsese, "The Departed"

Best documentary feature -
"An Inconvenient Truth"

Achievement in film editing -
Thelma Schoonmaker, "The Departed"

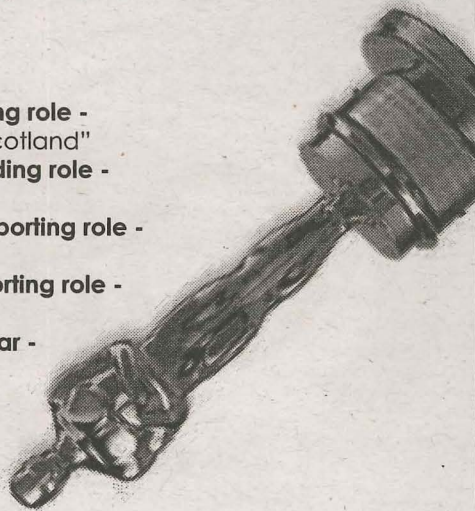
Achievement in makeup -
David Marti, Montse Ribe, "Pan's Labyrinth"

Achievement in music written for motion pictures (Original Score) -
Gustavo Santaolalla, "Babel"

Achievement in sound editing -
Alan Robert Murray, Bub Asman, "Letters from Iwo Jima"

Achievement in visual effects -
"Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest"

Adapted screenplay -
"The Departed"



Movie Previews

Friday, March 2

- Wild Hogs (Comedy)
122 min. (PG-13)

Director: Walt Becker

Starring: Tim Allen, Martin Lawrence, John Travolta

Storyline: A group of middle-aged friends combat the threat of a midlife crisis by breaking out of their suburban routine and hitting the wide open road on the backs of their freedom-loving hogs. The storyline sets the characters up for comedic interludes with shady characters and silly events and might offer some witty one-liners, but that's about it.

- Zodiac (Suspense Thriller)
165 min. (R)

Director: David Fincher

Starring: Jake Gyllenhaal, Robert Downey Jr., Mark Ruffalo

Storyline: This is a Hollywood-ized fictional account of story of the 1970s Zodiac serial killer who terrorized San Francisco Bay and led police on a wild goose chase. The movie, as based off of Robert Graysmith's novel, focuses on the lives and careers of the detectives and newspaper people connected to the case.

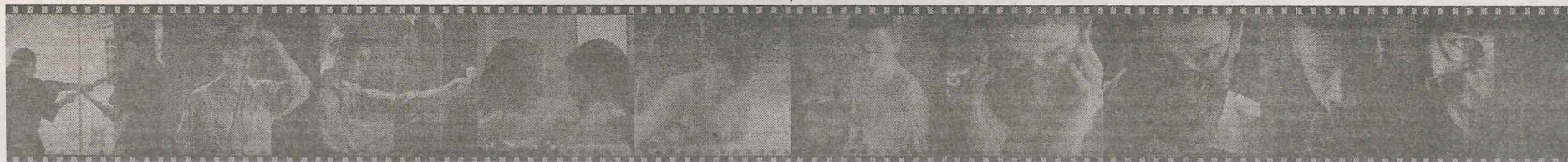
Friday, March 9

- 300 (Epic War Movie)
91 Min. (R)

Director: Zach Snyder

Starring: Gerard Butler, Lena Heady, Dominic West

Storyline: This movie, based on Frank Miller's graphic novel about the Battle of Thermopylae in 480 B.C., tells the story of King Sparta waging war against the advancing Persians. The Battle of Thermopylae is deemed significant in that it inspired all of Greece to unite against the Persians.



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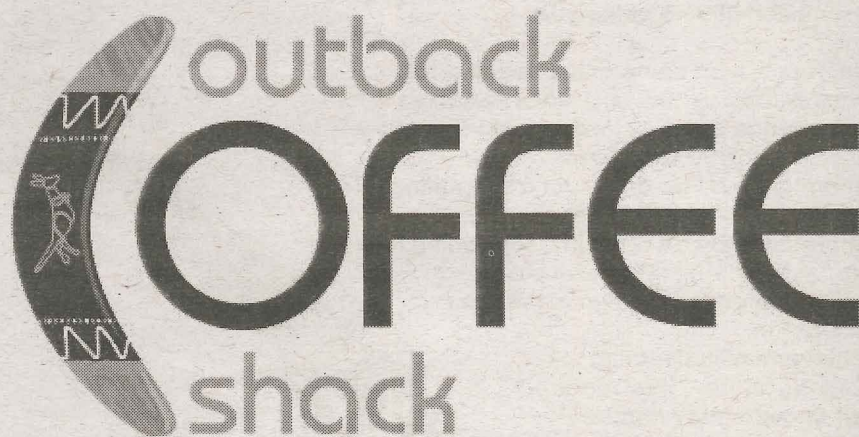
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Stout takes third WIAC title

By Kyle Kingston
Editor-in-Chief

The University of Wisconsin-Stout will be one of 16 sites in the U.S. to host the NCAA regional tournaments. Of the 63 teams in the NCAA, each site hosts four. This weekend UW-Stout will be hosting Simpson out of Iowa, St. Benedict out of Minnesota and Wheaton out of Illinois.

The UW-Stout women's basketball team will play Simpson College at 7 p.m. Friday, March 2 in Menomonie in the NCAA Division III Women's Basketball Tournament.

If the Lady Blue Devils win that game they will go on to play either St. Benedict or Wheaton College in the championship game the following day at 7 p.m.

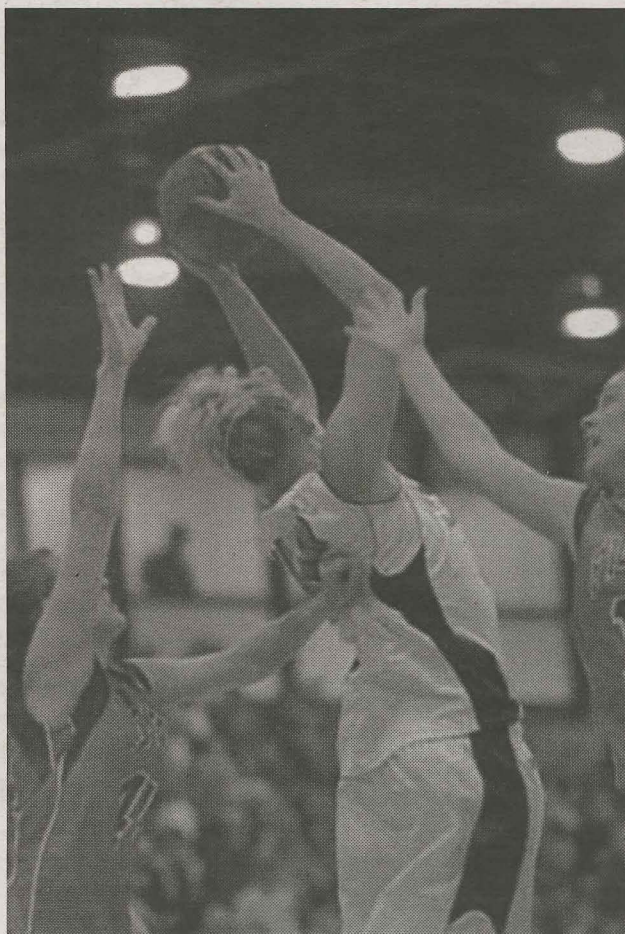
UW-Stout has played all three teams in previous NCAA tournaments, but Simpson was their most recent opponent. Last season the Lady Blue Devils traveled to Indianola, Iowa, and defeated the Simpson College Storm 78-68 in the regional finals.

Coach Mark Thomas is excited about the coming game for a number of reasons, one of which is that the last time UW-Stout hosted an NCAA women's basketball event was in 2005. Another more significant reason is that if the girls win both games this weekend, they move onto the Sweet 16.

Also, this will be Lady Blue Devils' third consecutive WIAC championship win and their fourth in five years.

During last weekend's games UW-Stout trounced "arch-rival" the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in a packed stadium.

"Our girls deserve a lot of credit for the way they've handled themselves this season," said Thomas. "They were the preseason favorites and have lived up to expectations. Upwards of 2400 people were at the game but



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The women's basketball team won the WIAC conference title and moves on to the NCAA tournament.

they handled the audience pressures beautifully. They played fast, they played well and they played hard."

"The girls' record this season speaks volumes of the girls' dedication," Thomas added. "They're just regular students with full course loads and jobs. Nobody's paying them to practice or play."

Thomas singled out point guard Amanda Geissler and center Kelsey Duoss for exceptional performances during the weekend's games and during the season in general. He went on to compliment the rest of the players on the bench.

"I want to thank the students of UW-Stout and the Menomonie community for their support this season," said Thomas. "We owe a large part of our success to this."

Softball team heads to Florida

By Casey Nold
Sports Editor

It's not quite Daytona Beach and it's not quite a party, but the University of Wisconsin-Stout women's softball team is heading to Florida for the Rebel Spring Games over spring break.

The girls have been practicing since the beginning of the year. Through the off season they condition and practice at open gym. The team has been going at it hard since winter break ended preparing for their season.

With nine returning players, none of which are seniors, and six freshmen, this year's team is a little young. Head coach Christ Stainer is looking for the juniors and sophomores to lead this team.

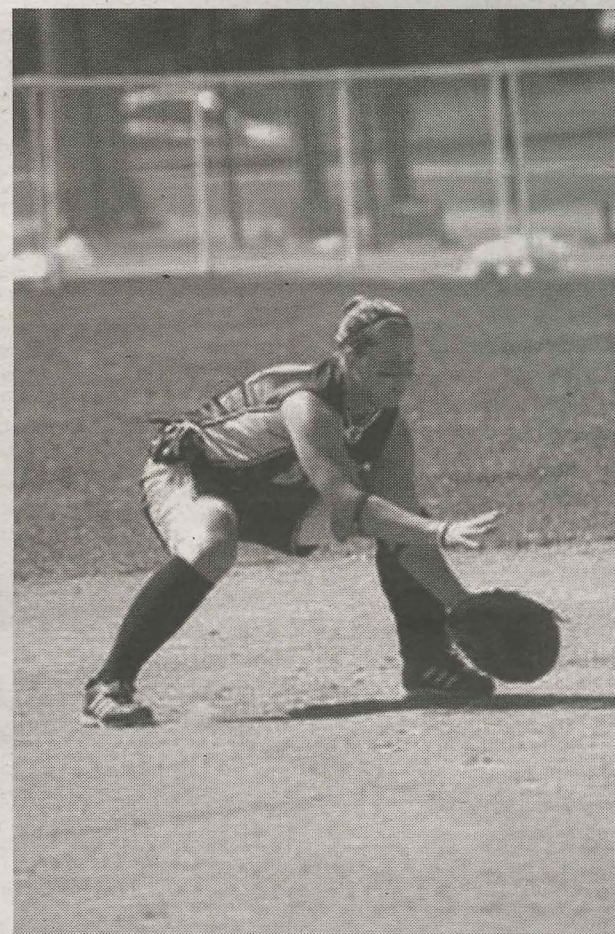
"We lack the confidence that you get out of a senior group," said Stainer. "I am looking for the juniors and sophomores to help give the team the confidence it needs."

The next big thing for the girls is the Rebel Spring Games. The girls do get to hang out and enjoy themselves while they are in Florida, but they take the ten games they get to play seriously.

"It's not just a vacation, it's a quarter of our season," said Stainer. "This is a very good tournament with very strong teams. Fifty percent of the games we play will be against teams who will be in the top 25% of the nation."

Stainer also mentioned that being in Florida and sharing a house makes the team bond off the field. She feels that every year after returning from the spring games the team is much tighter.

"We go down there to work hard and make the necessary adjustments," said Stainer. "We go out and give 100 percent and when we win against top teams it builds



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The softball team starts their season in Florida at the Rebel Spring Games. The trip is over spring break and is a great opportunity for tough competition.

our confidence because win or lose we know we have given our best."

The team needs to overcome a few illnesses and injuries and although the team is young and has to build its confidence, Stainer has high goals for the team.

"We are really looking to go after the conference title," said Stainer. "The talent is there, we have a shot at being at the top of the conference."

"Every year it is a group that works harder and harder than the year before," said Stainer. "The girls are pushing themselves, holding themselves accountable and there is a lot of leadership from the juniors and sophomores who aren't captains. This is a special group."

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Baseball team in crunch time as games near

By Josh Parshley
Sports Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout baseball team is ready to play ball. As like any college sport, it is a full year commitment. The team had a little two week evaluation session in the fall. Then the team picked up practice once again at the end of January.

"Basically, we have been working out at least five days a week since the end of the fall season," said senior Seth Maier, a business administration major. "We are lifting four days a week and working hard on baseball skills everyday."

The team is constantly working harder and harder to get that edge on their opponents. They are making sure they will be ready physically when the time comes. Also, when most students were back at home for winter break, a lot of the baseball players were here on campus putting in some extra time.

"The team has bonded really well, the three great captains we have are a big part of that," said coach Craig Walter. The captains are very well respected and have made clear there will be no nonsense this year, we are going to win."

The team is very good and experienced, on top of being very competitive. The team has developed much better defensively this year as well. Also, the old saying of "you're only as good as your pitching" is alright with this team since they are set pretty good there, too.

Coach Walter and the rest of the staff hope the team gets what they deserve. They want to be able to put the team in a position



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The baseball team expects high competition this year. The players are becoming more focused as games near. The coaches are pushing them mentally and physically.

to win. They believe they are doing that now with all the drills that the team has been doing. The coaches are preparing the team not only physically, but mentally as well. Coach Walter has a motto, the 5P's, which stands for: "Perfect Practice Prevents Poor Performance."

"We have a good group of guys that get a long with good leadership," said senior Luke Schultz, a technology education major. "This will help our team be better than we have in the past years." He mentions how

having the younger teammates respecting the older players and captains is great to have. This just adds another level to the ball players, giving them even more of an opportunity for greatness. Schultz believes that with the great work ethic the team displays, they could play any day and be successful.

The league the team plays in is very rough. All the teams in it are very competitive. There are no gimmes this time around and everyone knows that. Coach Walter explained how each game will be a dogfight, a

battle to the finish. However, this team has got some great upperclassmen that will lead the team and compete with the best. Walter believes the team has a good chance to do well. As for a shot at winning the league, he believes the team is capable of doing that as well.

With their first game approaching, the team has fled outside for some much needed fresh air. During these cold winter months, the team had to remain indoors during practice. Luckily, with the spring-like weather last week, they were able to hit the turf for some outdoor practice. Being outdoors was great for the team and coaches, it helped them get a better glance at how well they are and what areas need to be polished up. Sadly, with this recent snowstorm this past weekend, they are back indoors.

"I think with games starting to get closer, everyone is getting a lot more focused on what we need to do to be successful," said junior Erik Johnson, a technology education major. "Everyone on the team knows we have a lot of talent, but we need to go out and prove it by finding ways to win games."

The team is currently set to play March 6 against St. Olaf. The team has a jump in their step and is ready to play. Coach Walter explained that the team is getting it; they know where to go and, when to be there. With the team pumped up, the coaches believe they prepared them well with a game so close, the atmosphere is blazing. The only thing the team is worrying about now is the one thing they can't control, the weather.

Sculpture class issues challenge to Blue Devils for charity

By Kyle Kingston
Editor-in-Chief

"The UW-Stout Sculpture II class hereby challenges the players and coaches of the UW-Stout men's and women's basketball teams to a brow-beating, white-knuckle, head-to-head, full-force 24-hour basketball marathon. The pain will be relentless and the money goes to charity."

That's the challenge that Lars Jerlach's Sculpture II class brought to the attention of *The Stoutonia* earlier this week. Provided that the Blue Devils, the Lady Blue Devils or both accept the challenge, the "full-force" marathon will take place after Spring Break.

The charity in question is Hoops 4 Hope, a global nonprofit organization that supports youth development throughout southern Africa by providing more than 10,000 school children with the organization's basketball and life skills program.

The idea for the basketball marathon started innocuously enough as a conversation between two classmates about whether

they could "take" the UW-Stout basketball teams. From there the concept grew to include the entire class in what they call a "collective project," which in this case means calling out the entire UW-Stout basketball program for a 24-hour showdown.

The Sculpture II class has dubbed themselves The Rainbows for the occasion and has named instructor Lars Jerlach as head coach, with fellow art instructor Robert Atwell as assistant coach.

The specifics of the showdown are at this point somewhat scant, awaiting acceptance of the challenge from UW-Stout basketball coaches.

The Rainbows' head coach Jerlach is 5'7", from Denmark and claims to know nothing whatever about basketball

What details that exist are as follows:

The showdown is to take place in the field house post-season and post-Spring Break, actual date to be set following the acceptance of The Rainbows' challenge.

When they say "24 hours" they mean 24 hours, a full day of non-stop basketball. Admittance

will be given to those wearing wristbands, to be sold at the door for \$2.40. Anyone with a wristband may come and go as they please.

The Rainbows are comprised of 18 art students of ranging athletic abilities, but they're prepared to take on as many as will agree to show up.

Head coach Jerlach is 5'7", Danish and claims to know nothing whatever about basketball. Assistant coach Atwell's basketball prowess has not been specified.

"The Blue Devils basketball teams have been having good seasons," said Jerlach. "We hope they won't allow their seasons to end on a sour note by turning down a bid for charity."

The Rainbows invite the coaches of the Blue Devils or Lady Blue Devils basketball teams to publicly accept the challenge in the form of a letter to the editor to be published in the March 22 issue of *The Stoutonia*.

If you'd like to weigh in on whether the Blue Devils should accept the Rainbows' challenge, visit the *The Stoutonia's* message boards at www.stoutonia.com

Blue Devil SCOREBOARD



Men's Basketball

12-13 The men's basketball team saw the end of their season February 20 in the quarterfinals round of the WIAC tournament against UW-La Crosse. The Non-emachers end their reign as they leave UW-Stout. John scored 16 points and had three rebounds. Jacob scored 14 points, had 11 rebounds and six blocked shots. The team lost 63-58.



Women's Basketball

23-5 The women's basketball team made history February 24 by becoming the first team to win the WIAC conference tournament three years in a row. The girls led the game 42-27 at half time and came out on top with a 73-61 win. Next Game: host the first round of the NCAA division III regionals tournament Friday, Mar 2 and Saturday Mar 3.



Blue Devil Hockey

19-2-4 The hockey team took a 4-1 loss in the NCHA semi-finals against the number one team in the nation St. Norbert College. The team may still have a chance to play in the NCAA tournament but won't find out until after the NCHA championships Wednesday, Mar 7.



Gymnastics

The gymnastics team placed third of three teams at the Hamline Invite February 23 with a score of 175.1. Meghan Hargens took first place in the uneven bars, floor exercise and in the all-around. Ashley Timm placed second on the vault and Angela Blankenship was third on the vault. Next game: Friday, Mar 2 at Gustavus Adolphus with Winona State.



Men's Track & Field

The men's track team placed eighth of nine teams at the WIAC indoor championships. Derek Gonzenbach placed fifth in the 400-meter dash after winning it two consecutive years before. Ryan Carpenter placed third in the triple jump. The team competes next March 9 and 10 at the DIII Championships.



Women's Track & Field

Women's track team placed eighth of nine teams at the WIAC indoor championships. Ashlea Peter placed fifth in the triple jump and Jasmine Patzner placed eighth in the 55-meter hurdles. The girls compete next Saturday, Mar 3 at UW-Stevens Point.

Women's B-ball wins thrid consecutive WIAC title | Hockey hopes for chance at NCAA | Men's B-ball season edns in quarterfinals round of WAIC tournament

Semi-finals loss threatens chance at NCAA

By Josh Parshley
Sports Writer

While most students were bundled up with blankets this weekend, the University of Wisconsin-Stout hockey team had to fight through the storm to get to Green Bay, Wis. The team hit the ice against number two seed St. Norbert Saturday night for the semi-finals of the NCHA tournament. Unfortunately, the Blue Devils were not able to come back with a victory.

"We played well in the first two periods, but not so great in the third period," said coach Terry Watkins. "Playing a bad period against a team like St. Norbert, you are going to get hurt."

St. Norbert is the number one team in the country, so there was no room for error. Senior goalie Mike Stone tallied up 33 saves in the first two periods. However, the game took a turn for the worse in the last period. The period started off scoreless, but after a few minutes of play, St. Norbert came with a strong force by scoring two goals with only 25 seconds in between them. The puck continued to fly with St. Norbert scoring two more goals. With less than a minute remaining, senior forward Matt Mlynarczyk was able to score a goal for UW-Stout and take away the shut out.

Even though UW-Stout was taking out of the NCHA tournament, they still have high hopes for getting a NCAA playoff bid. That chance lies in the hands of their recent opponent, St. Norbert. If St. Norbert beats the



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Hockey takes a 4-1 loss to St. Norbert in the semi-finals of the NCHA tournament.

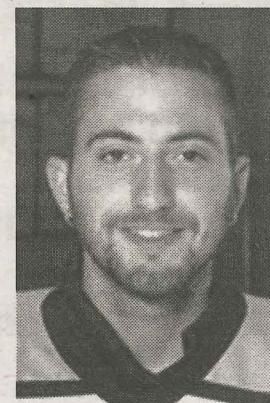
number five seed St. Scholastica in the NCHA final, UW-Stout will get that second chance. St. Scholastica finished this past weekend by upsetting the number one seed, the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. With that in mind, only time can tell what will happen with the UW-Stout hockey team's fate, but that doesn't mean they are just sitting around waiting.

"We are continuing to practice like nor-

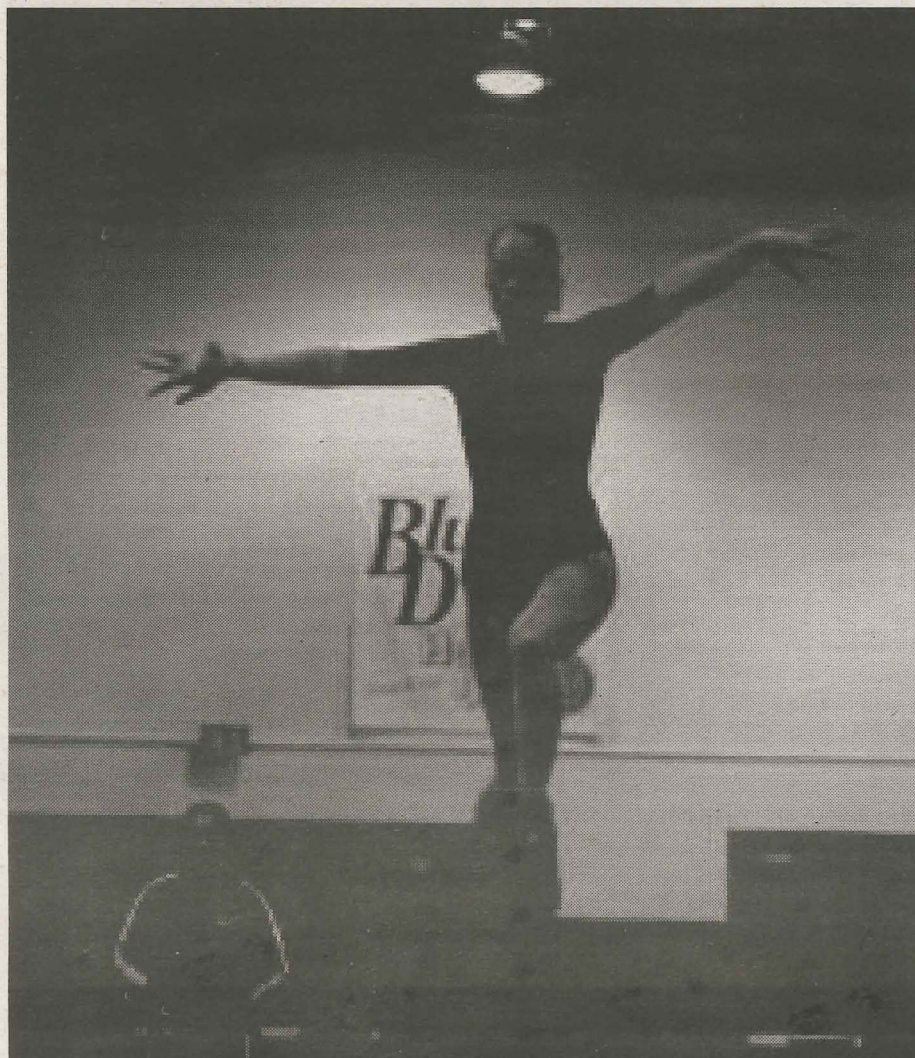
mal," said coach Watkins. He said that the team will not be hurt by the loss this past week. The team plans on doing what they have done all year with no changes being made. He also mentioned how everyone hates to loose but everyone knows that you will loose from time to time. The team just wants that second chance for glory and with the way they have played this year, there sure do deserve it.



A junior from West St. Paul, Minn. and a graphic communications management major, Mike Stone is the outstanding athlete. Stone blocked nearly 40 goals in the loss to St. Norbert in the semi-finals game February 17. Stone was also named to the WIAC ice hockey first team.



Freshman Hargens making her mark at UW-Stout gymnastics



Freshman Meghan Hargens is on fire during her career-starting season. Contributed Photo

By Josh Parshley
Sports Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout gymnastics team has a lot of young talent this year. They don't have any seniors, but that does not seem to hurt them at all. One of the freshmen on the team is doing

especially well.

"It's great to feel like all my hard work has paid off," said freshman Meghan Hargens, who is undeclared in a major. She has been on fire this season, almost breaking a couple school records a few weeks ago. She is one of the few gymnasts who participates

in all four events at the meets. She credits her great performance to the motto: practice, practice, practice.

"I feel fortunate to be part of such a young team with so much talent," said Hargens. "We are just getting started and there is so much talent to be tapped." With that being said, she has been executed extremely well, grabbing first in three categories this past week at the Hamline Triangular.

She had mentioned how the meet at Illinois stuck out in her mind the most, since that was the place where she had her best all-around score. However, the times changed while at Hamline because on top of claiming three firsts, she also achieved a new best all-around score of 36.675.

Hargens has outstanding performances at all the meets thus far. She was even awarded the WIAC gymnast of the week honors back at the end of January. With so many achievements already, who knows where the future will take her.

"Being on this team has been the best time of my life," said Hargens. She explains that her teammates have made college for her that much better. As for what is next, she only had one thing on her mind.

"I am just thinking about each meet as it comes and whatever happens, happens for a reason."

While the team has not taken first the past few weeks, they still have something great to cheer about. They just broke a school record.

The record was set in 2001 and the girls beat it two weeks ago at home against the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

The girls tallied a score of 178.325, but unfortunately, came up a tenth of a point shy of UW-Oshkosh. However, breaking the school record and only missing last year's third place national team by a tenth of a point, was more than they could ask for.

The team is currently preparing for their last meet of the regular season. The girls will head off to St. Peter, Minn. to face off against Gustavus Adolphus and Winona State.

The team had set a goal early in the season. The girls had hoped to beat three particular teams this season and has knocked off two of the three.

The last team on the list is Gustavus and with the girls in peak-performance, now is their opportunity.

University of Wisconsin-Stout Request for Third Party Comment

The University of Wisconsin-Stout is seeking comments from the public about the university in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. As part of its participation in the Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP), UW-Stout will undergo an on-site, Quality Check-Up visit May 2-4, 2007, by a team representing the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The team will review the institution's ongoing ability to meet the Commission's Criteria for Accreditation.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding UW-Stout by paper mail addressed to:

Public Comment on University of Wisconsin-Stout
Commissions on Institutions of Higher Education
North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
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- Interviewing Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Career Services

Saturday, March 3

- 6th Annual RockFest! Climbing Competition: Climb for a Cause - IROCK-IRAQ. Cost: Register before Feb. 23 - \$15 students, \$20 public. Register after Feb. 23 - \$20 students, \$25 public. 8 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Stout Adventures Climbing Wall, Sports and Fitness Center, UW-Stout
- Renewable Energy 101 for Universities and Communities workshop. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Trip to Minneapolis Institute of Art and Mall of America. Leave at 9:30 a.m. from Student Center, back by 6:30 p.m.
- Lace Knitting. Cost: \$30 plus \$15 supply fee. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. School of the Arts, Menomonie

Monday, March 5

- Jane Elliot's "Blue Eyed" - movie. 11:30 a.m. Crystal Ballroom, MSC
- Managing Your Web Presence and Visibility Workshop. 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Career Services
- Jane Elliot's "The College Eye" - movie. 3:35 p.m. Crystal Ballroom, MSC
- Jane Elliot's "Blue Eyed" - movie. 5:30 p.m. Crystal Ballroom, MSC
- One Community One Book: Everywhere Gardens. 7 p.m. Menomonie Public Library

Tuesday, March 6

- Jane Elliot presents Issues of Humanity Residency: "Issues for Educators." 10 a.m. Great Hall, MSC
- World Presidents' Large Group Panel Discussion. 4 p.m. Great Hall, MSC
- Cover Letters and Professional Communication Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Career Services
- Jane Elliot presents Issues of Humanity Residency: "Issues for Humanity." 6:15 p.m. Great Hall, MSC

Wednesday, March 7

- Cover Letters and Professional Communication Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Career Services
- The Grace Lee Project. 7 p.m. Room 210, Applied Arts

Thursday, March 8

- Managing Your Web Presence and Visibility Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Career Services

Friday, March 9

- End of Third Quarter - Spring Break begins at 5 p.m.
- Stout Student Association applications for several prestigious awards due by noon.
- Applications to Green Living Community due.

Saturday, March 10

- Lace Knitting. Cost: \$30 plus \$15 supply fee. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. School of the Arts, Menomonie

Saturday, March 10 - Sunday March 18

- Spring Break Week - No Classes

Saturday, March 17

- St. Patrick's Day

Monday, March 19

- Classes Resume - Begin Fourth Quarter

Wednesday, March 21

- From Auction Block to Hip Hop. 7:30 p.m. Great Hall, MSC

Entertainment

Thursday, March 1

- Landmarks of Early Film spring film series. 7

p.m. Menomonie Public Library

- Fiddler on the Roof - musical. Cost: \$8 youth, \$14 adult. 7:30 p.m. State Theatre, Eau Claire
- Blue Devil Productions presents: The Box Social with the Infidels - music. Cost: Free with Stout ID, \$1 public. 8 p.m. Rec Center, MSC
- Trampled by Turtles CD release, and Downer's Grove - music. Cost: \$7. 9:30 p.m. Stones Throw, Eau Claire
- Downer's Grove - music. 10 p.m. Waterfront Bar and Grill, Menomonie

Friday, March 2

- Blue Devil Productions presents: Science of Sleep - movie. Cost: Free with Stout ID, \$1 public. 7 p.m. Room 321, Applied Arts
- Mountainfilm: On Tour film festival. 7 p.m. Room 210, Applied Arts
- Datalit - music. 7 p.m. Blind Munchies Coffeehouse, Menomonie
- The Red Flags and The Hard Left - music. 11 p.m. Mr. Heavy's, Menomonie

Saturday, March 3

- 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament. Cost: \$20 if register before March 3, \$25 day of event. Register 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., event time 10 a.m. Multi-Purpose Room, Sports and Fitness Center
- Low'tel, Andy Zipl, and QuinnElizabeth, music. 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Acoustic Café, Eau Claire
- Aaron Stueck - music. 8 p.m. Acoustic Café, Menomonie
- Eagle River - music. 9:30 p.m. Pioneer Grill and Saloon, Menomonie

Sunday, March 4

- Cedarbrook Band - music. Cost: \$6 students, \$8 adults. 4 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

March 5 - March 7

- No events

Thursday, March 8

- Masterpieces of Russian Animation spring film series. 7 p.m. Menomonie Public Library
- Open Mic. 8 p.m. Acoustic Café, Menomonie
- Blue Devil Productions presents: Open Mic. Cost: Free with Stout ID, \$1 public. 8 p.m. Rec Center, MSC
- Chinese Fingertrap - music. 10 p.m. Waterfront Bar and Grill, Menomonie

Friday, March 9

- Lake Wobegon Brass Band - music. Cost: \$16 students, \$18 adults. 7 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie
- Stout Figure Skaters annual ice show "An Icy Mystery." 8 p.m. Dunn County Ice Arena, Menomonie

Saturday, March 10

- Jeff Mitchell - music. 8 p.m. Acoustic Café, Menomonie

March 11 - March 15

- No events

Friday, March 16

- St. Patrick's Day Weekend Rockathon featuring The Kissers - music. Cost: \$7. 10 p.m. House of Rock, Eau Claire

Saturday, March 17

- St. Patrick's Day Weekend Rockathon: Only the Sea, The Rockford Mules, Throw the Fight, and Gingerjake - music. Cost: \$5. 10 p.m. House of Rock, Eau Claire

Monday, March 19

- Kyle Grooms - comedian. Cost: Free with Stout ID, \$1 public. 8 p.m. Terrace, MSC

Tuesday, March 20

- Texas Hold'Em Tournament III. 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Terrace, MSC

Wednesday, March 21

- No events

Athletics

Thursday, March 1

- Men's Basketball NCAA First Round. TBA

Friday, March 2

- Men's Basketball NCAA Regionals, TBA
- Women's Basketball NCAA Regionals, TBA

Saturday, March 3

- Men and Women Track and Field @ UW - Stevens Point. 10 a.m.
- Men's Basketball NCAA Regionals, TBA
- Women's Basketball NCAA Regionals, TBA
- Hockey NCHA Finals

Tuesday, March 6

- Baseball vs. St. Olaf @ Metrodome, Minneapolis, MN. 12:15 p.m.

Wednesday, March 7

- Baseball vs. Augsburg @ Metrodome, Minneapolis, MN. 7 a.m.
- Hockey NCAA First Round, TBA

Thursday, March 8

- Gymnastics WIAC/West Regional @ La Crosse. 6 p.m.

Friday, March 9

- Men's Basketball NCAA Sectionals, TBA

- Women's Basketball NCAA Sectionals, TBA
- Men and Women Track and Field @ NCAA DIII Indoor Championships
- Softball @ Rebels Spring Games, Kissimmee, FL

Saturday, March 10

- Softball vs. Indiana Wesleyan, Kissimmee, FL. 9 a.m.
- Softball vs. Husson College, Kissimmee, FL. 1 p.m.
- Men's Basketball NCAA Sectionals, TBA
- Women's Basketball NCAA Sectionals, TBA
- Hockey NCAA Second Round, TBA

Sunday, March 11

- Softball vs. Westminster, PA, College, Kissimmee, FL. 11 a.m.
- Softball vs. US Coast Guard Academy, Kissimmee, FL. 3 p.m.
- Baseball vs. St. Thomas @ Metrodome, Minneapolis, MN. 9 p.m.

Tuesday, March 13

- Softball vs. Kean, NJ, University, Kissimmee, FL. 9 a.m.
- Softball vs. Washington, MD, College, Kissimmee, FL. 1 p.m.

Wednesday, March 14

- Softball vs. Rhode Island College, Kissimmee, FL. 9 a.m.
- Softball vs. Webster, MO, College, Kissimmee, FL. 11 a.m.

Thursday, March 15

- Softball vs. Anderson, IN, College, Kissimmee, FL. 3 p.m.
- Softball vs. WM Patterson, NJ, College, Kissimmee, FL. 5 p.m.

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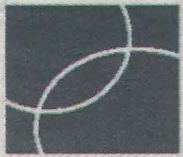
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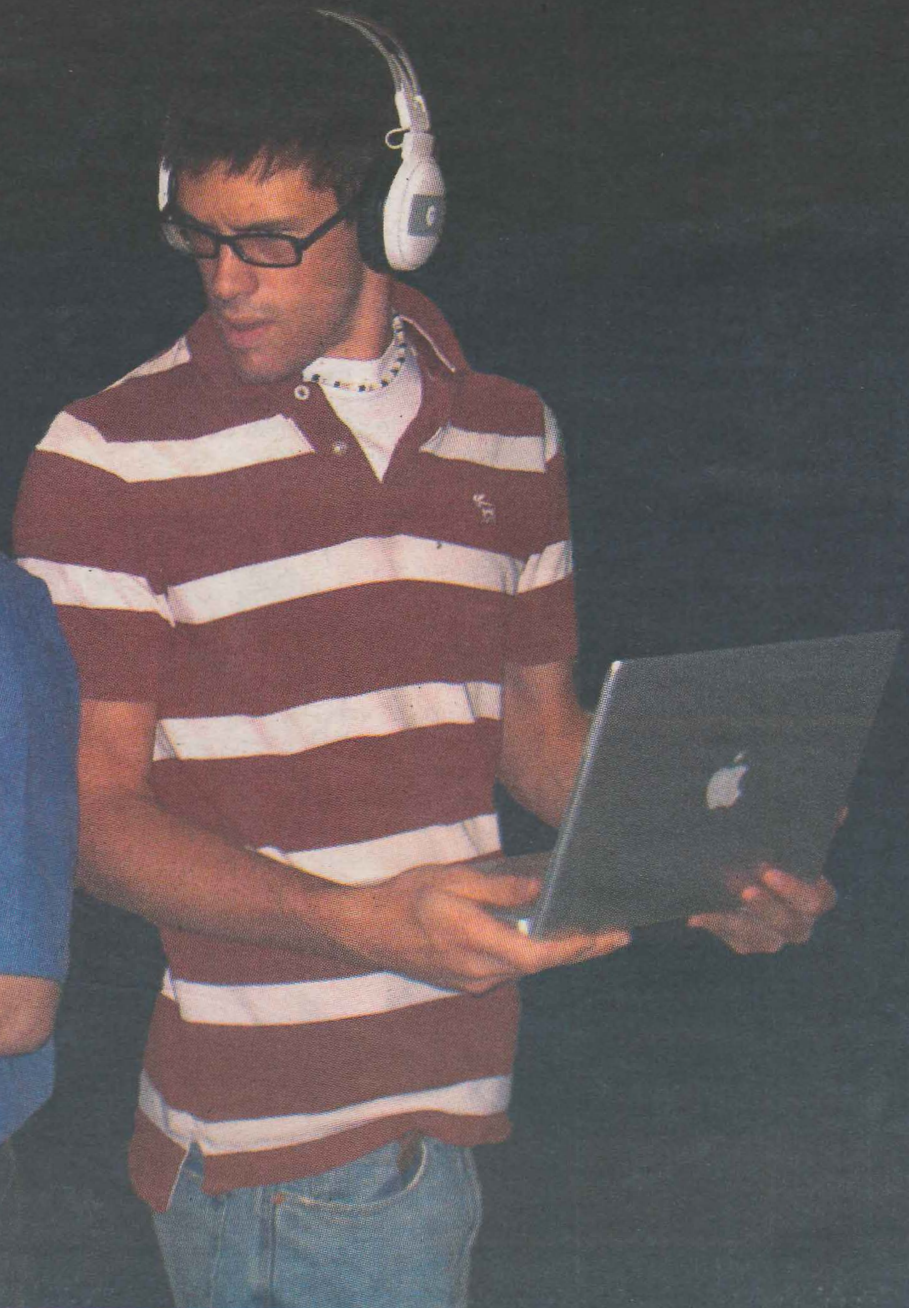
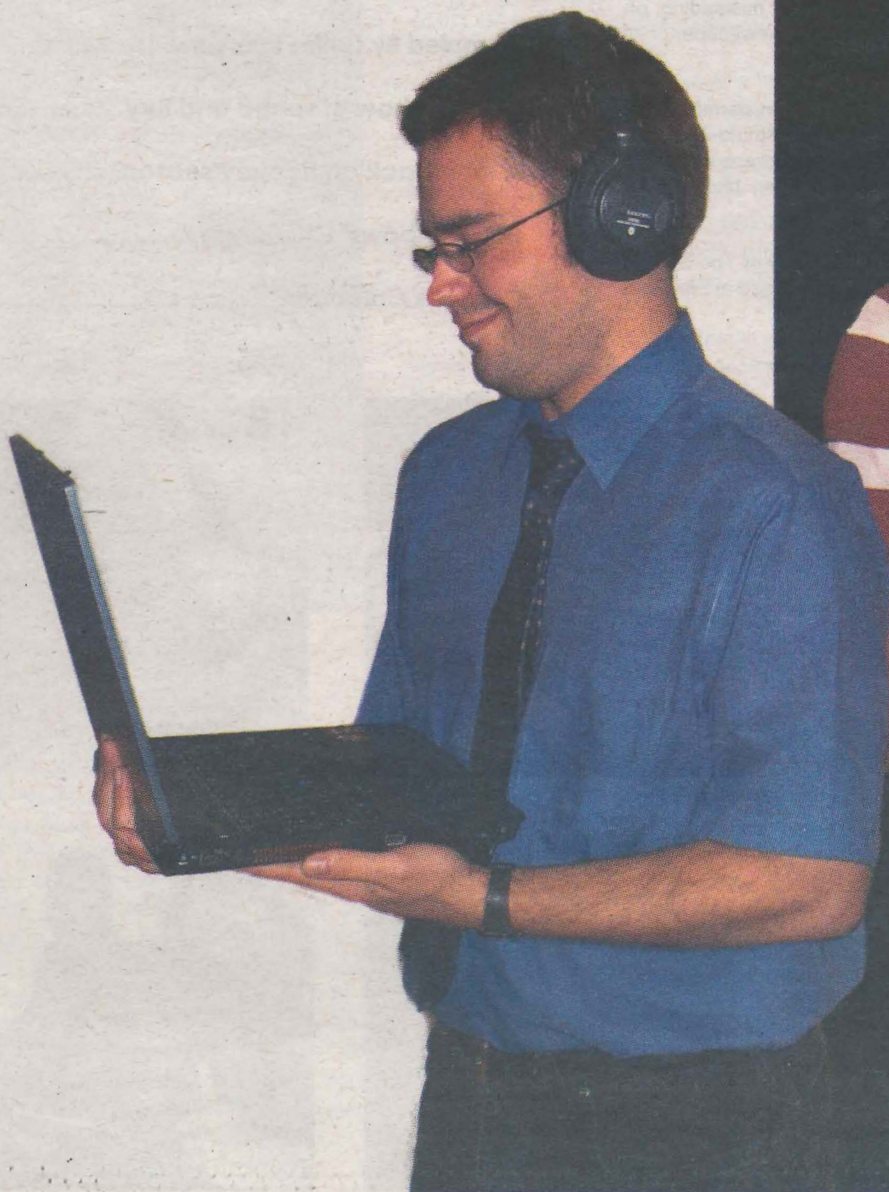
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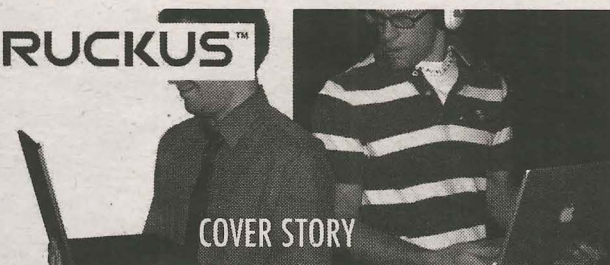
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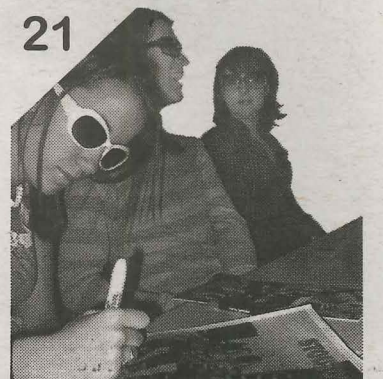
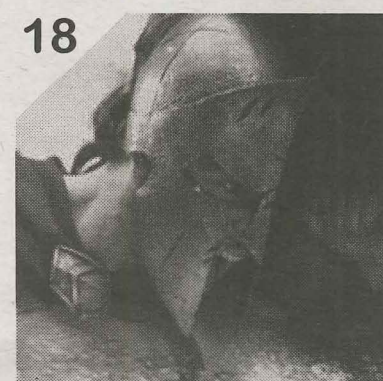
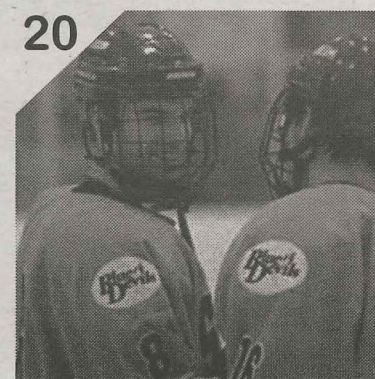
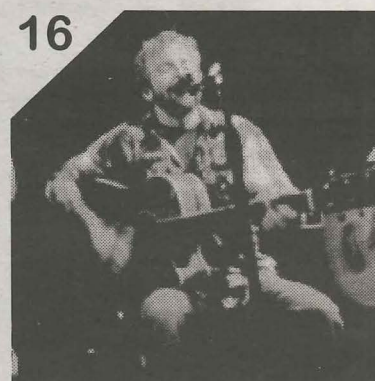
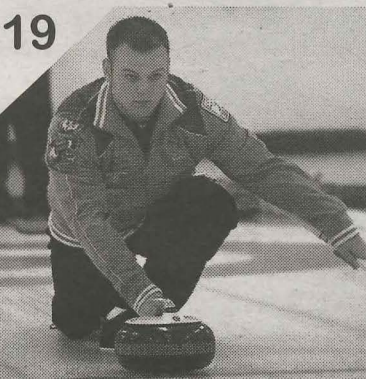
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Stout becomes state's first polytechnic

That's right, it's official now. But not to fear: the newly acquired designation does not mean a name-change

The University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents unanimously approved a resolution designating the University of Wisconsin-Stout as Wisconsin's polytechnic university. The board met at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside and it acted after the board's Education Committee unanimously approved the recommendation March 8.

UW-Stout Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen said he was pleased the regents approved his designation request, which will become the guidepost for how UW-Stout develops in the future.

"This designation will give UW-Stout, which already is a very good university, the tools to become a great institution," Sorensen said. "We also intend to use the poly-

technic designation as a way to organize the university and to plan its future."

UW-Stout joins 20 other institutions designated as polytechnics, but what does that mean?

The benefits of being designated as a polytechnic includes aiding job growth to improve Wisconsin's economy; improving UW-Stout's ability to attract and retain high-quality students, faculty and staff; providing the UW System with a distinctive university that complements the existing array of research, liberal arts, and two-year and comprehensive institutions; and inspires a good university to become great.

In his presentation to the Regents, Sorensen told the regents the designation will

provide many benefits for the students at UW-Stout, the Chippewa Valley and the state. The designation would benefit the UW System by adding a polytechnic university to the system's "portfolio" of institutions, he added.

The polytechnic designation "will be used in an aggressive marketing and branding campaign," Sorensen said, which will raise the profile of UW-Stout statewide.

Most importantly, Sorensen said, UW-Stout will use the designation as the "organizing theme" for its planning in the future. That includes using the designation in program planning, fundraising, establishing an Honors College, facility planning and program alignment.

Sorensen laid out why he believes UW-Stout already is a polytechnic university. UW-Stout features an array of academic programs in the arts and humanities; education; social, natural and human sciences; math; computer science; engineering and related technologies and management. UW-Stout embraces an applied learning educational philosophy; applies technology in all university functions; promotes technology transfer programs, business incubators, research centers and a technology park and works closely with the Wisconsin Technical College System and other universities.

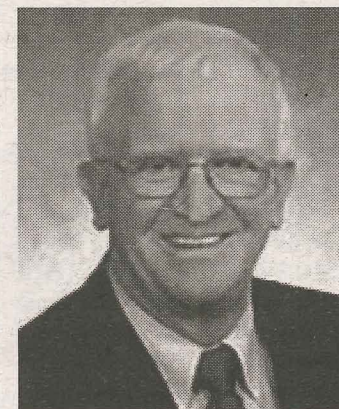
Sorensen emphasized that the designation request has been thoroughly discussed on campus and has been approved by the Faculty Senate, the Senate of Academic Staff and the UW-Stout Student Association. UW System President Kevin Reilly also supported the designation request.

Faculty Senate President Forrest Schultz, an associate professor of chemistry, told the Education Committee that UW-Stout emphasizes an applied learning educational philosophy and applies technology in all of its university functions.

"Our Stout Technology Transfer Institute that engages faculty and students in solving real world problems reports an annual impact of \$30 million dollars for western Wisconsin," Schultz said. "Also on the first day of class, we open our laptops to the digital world" because all undergraduates are given laptop computers to use in all of their campus activities.

UW-Stout student Kristine Christofferson, an applied science-biotechnology major and sophomore from Eau Claire, told the Education Committee that her professors work hard to engage their students in the classrooms and laboratories.

"In all of my classes we have the opportunity to work in groups and participate in labs that have real-life applications," Christofferson said. "The technological advances that Stout incorporated into their teaching



Chancellor Charles Sorensen

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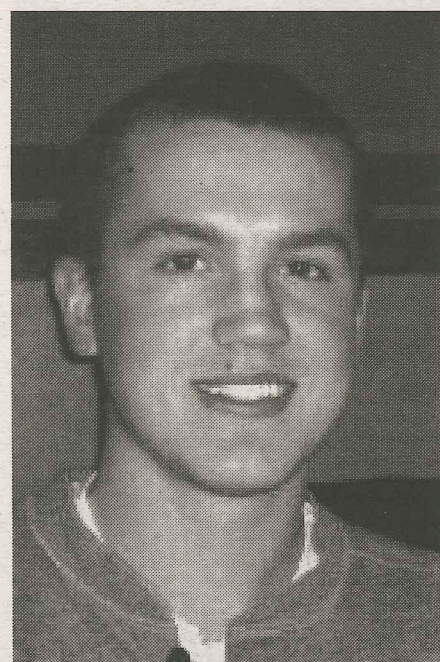
- Chancellor Charles Sorensen

are extremely valuable. I have never felt so involved in my schooling."

Danae Davis, chairwoman of the Education Committee, told the full board Friday that the designation for UW-Stout "is a way to be competitive" with other polytechnic universities across the country. "It is a recognition of the future mission" of UW-Stout as a polytechnic university, she added.

"I support this one completely," added Regent Michael Spector, Education Committee vice chairman.

Student's passing mourned



Cody K. Nelson

By Tony Nelson
News Editor

A few days after he was found ill in his dorm, Cody K. Nelson, 19, a University of Wisconsin-Stout freshman from Lake Elmo, died at 7:10 p.m. at Fairview University Medical Center in Minneapolis, Minn.

After hearing of his death, friends of Nelson posted to his Facebook page, leaving messages to let all know he was loved and will be missed.

Andrew Hahn, junior and resident adviser on Nelson's floor, said because of Nelson's outgoing attitude, he got along well with the 30 students on his floor, who were taking Nelson's death pretty hard.

"He was full of life. A happy guy. He was always smiling," Hahn said. "He loved poker. He was very good at it and very competitive."

Nelson was wandering around halls and wasn't himself on St. Patrick's Day, Hahn said.

UW-Stout administration stated Nelson was found ill on the second floor of his Chinnock Hall dormitory Saturday night. He was taken to the Red Cedar Medical Center, near the campus and then transferred to the Minneapolis hospital.

An autopsy by the Hennepin County Medical Examiner has been completed, but the results have not been released by time of publication.

Funeral arrangements have been made with visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 23 at the Bradshaw Funeral Home, 4600 Greenhaven Drive in White Bear Lake. A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

According to Hahn, a bus is organized to take UW-Stout students to the Friday visitation. Although signup for the bus ended on Wednesday, there is a possibility that there may be seats open for interested students.

The son of Donavon and Debra (Roxstrom) Nelson, Cody was born in Sioux Falls, S.D. He graduated from Woodbury High School in 2006.

He is survived by his parents and his brother Tyler; grandparents Marv and June Roxstrom of Bemidji and Gerald and Deanna Nelson of Sioux Falls; many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

A memorial fund has been established with contributions going to Life Source and Christian Youth Ministries. Donations can be sent to Wells Fargo Bank, 2000 Northwestern Ave., Stillwater, Minn., 55082.

State OKs Harvey Hall upgrade

The Wisconsin State Building Commission approved a \$5.1 million proposal March 19 to renovate Harvey Hall Theatre on the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus.

The theatre was state-of-the-art when it was built in 1916. Major renovations are needed to improve the only performance venue on campus.

"We are very pleased that the Building Commission approved this important project for UW-Stout," Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen said. "We need to upgrade the theatre so our students will have a modern performance space as we build UW-Stout as Wisconsin's polytechnic university."

"I am pleased and relieved that the full Building Commission approved funding for the renovation of Harvey Hall Theatre," said state Sen. Sheila Harsdorf, R-River Falls, who worked with Building Commission members on UW-Stout's behalf. "This theatre plays host to numerous university performances and events, and upgrading its facilities will greatly benefit the UW-Stout community and its students."

State Rep. John Murtha, R-Baldwin, also worked hard for approval of the project.

"Today's Building Commission vote to approve UW-Stout's Harvey Hall Restoration Project is good news for the students, faculty and staff of UW-Stout. With the approval of

the project, UW-Stout has the opportunity to build upon their excellence in education, while restoring a cornerstone of their past," Murtha said.

The building is listed as a contributing building in the Menomonie Downtown Historic District by the National Register of Historic Places.

The project includes removing a stage extension, restoring the orchestra pit, improving accessibility and replacing the sound system, lighting, rigging, curtains and tracks.

The balcony will be reconstructed to eliminate a tripping hazard.

Seating will also be replaced, which will reduce the capacity from 600 seats to 400 seats.

The shop, control rooms and dressing rooms will be renovated, with electrical, plumbing and furnishing upgrades. There also will be ventilation improvements.

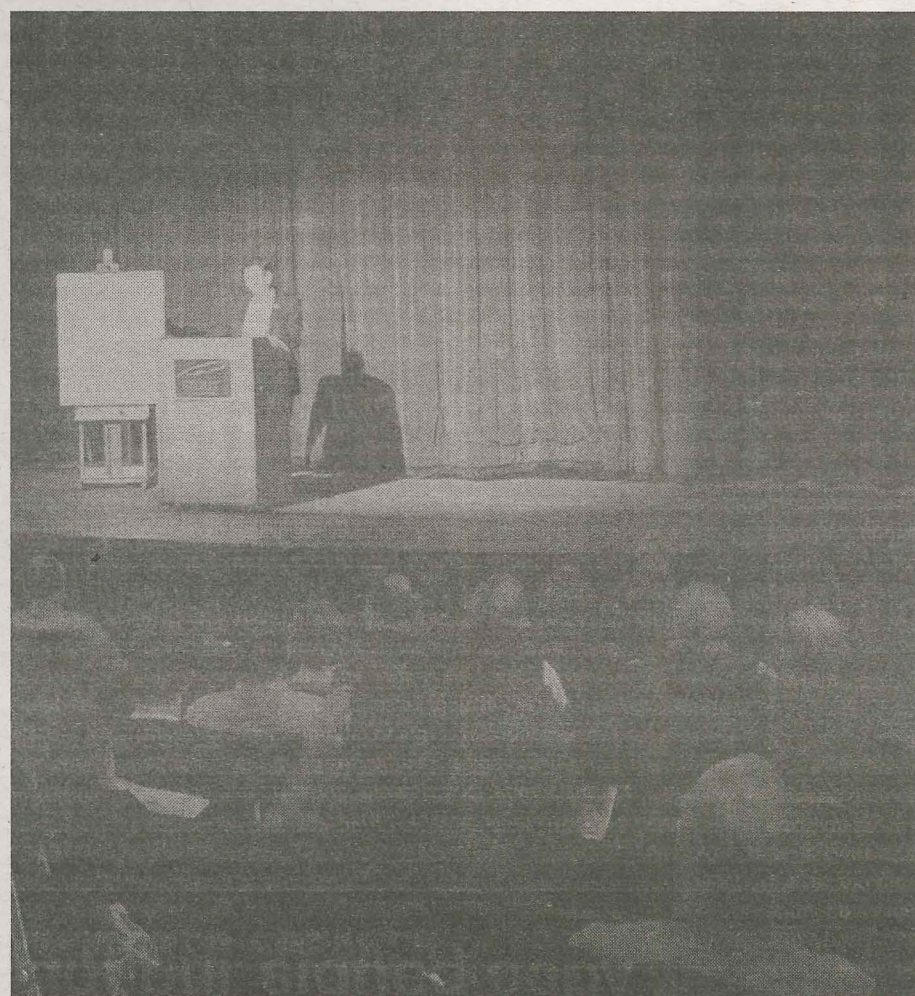
Much of the building has the original heating and ventilation systems, and improvements made in the 1970s have reached the end of their service lives.

The project next goes to the Legislature's Joint Finance Committee.

"This obviously is a big step forward for this project," Sorensen said. "We will continue to work for final approval."

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Chancellor Charles Sorensen



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The theatre of Harvey Hall—soon to renovated—has been home to the UW-Stout drama department and has played host over the years to public speakers and performers of all kinds. Pictured here is former Wisconsin governor and Presidential hopeful Tommy Thompson, giving an address on health care reform.

Vote for your favorite prof

By Tony Nelson
News Editor

Like popular reality shows "Dancing with the Stars" and "American Idol," University of Wisconsin-Stout students can now vote for their "favorite" instructors and staff members.

"I can assure you that such recognition by students is a strong positive influence in faculty and staff morale, very important in these times of budget constraints," said Joan Thomas, interim Dean of Students.

The voting began March 21 to find out who the students believe show "excellence" in what they do at UW-Stout.

Criteria for choosing the best are simple; choose them because they show excellence in teaching, availability, preparation, commit-

ment, professionalism or in service.

Voting is quick and easy by visiting the voting Web site www2.uwstout.edu/stusrv/outstanding. Once there, log in with your UW-Stout email username and password and then select the faculty and staff that show their excellence. The site gives details on how to do it and if there are any questions, students can contact the Dean of Students office at dean_of_students@uwstout.edu.

The top ten vote recipients in each group will be notified they have been voted for and the highest vote recipient in each group will be recognized at the end of the semester.

Voting closes April 4.



The age-old question: why do we drink?

Focus groups were conducted at the University of Wisconsin-Stout in December of 2006 to gain information on issues surrounding underage drinking. These were the first in a series of planned focus groups.

The initial findings from the focus groups indicated that many students feel that there is little to do in the evenings close to campus other than drink because of the large number of alcohol establishments that are close to campus.

Many students expressed a desire for other types of social environments where people could gather for entertainment. The idea that garnered the most excitement among the focus group was the possibility of a "dance type club" that would be non-alcoholic, but would provide a club-like atmosphere for people to interact.

Many students pointed out that there were several opportunities for outdoor activities in the surrounding area, but they

require a car or transportation to be able to partake in.

In addition, many felt that having cheap or low-cost public transportation to the north side of Menomonie would enable easier access to shopping areas. Time spent shopping is less time spent drinking.

Most significantly, it was indicated that students attend house parties for several reasons. Socialization was key and it was felt that the alcohol helped them lose their inhibitions and interact more easily. Students also felt that people attend house parties with the impression that they will not be cited for underage drinking if the party is visited by law enforcement. Recent developments should help change this perception.

For more information about the focus groups, contact Todd Paavola, Department of Education Grant Coordinator at Arbor Place, Inc., at (715) 232-4537.

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UW-Stout students raise walls in South Carolina

Twenty-three University of Wisconsin-Stout students headed to South Carolina during spring break to participate in Habitat for Humanity's Collegiate Challenge. UW-Stout students installed siding and roofing, along with other wall-raising activities. They joined more than 12,500 fellow spring breakers across the country, that have signed up to build homes in 235 locations.

Throughout its 18-year history, more than 139,000 high school and college students have traveled the nation to build houses through Habitat's Collegiate Challenge program. Over the years, students have raised more than \$11 million to pay for construction. This year alone, Collegiate Challenge students will contribute \$1.4 million to help build houses.

TRIO students head to Hungary

During spring break, 18 students from the University of Wisconsin-Stout headed to Hungary as part of the GO-More Program. The GO-More Program is part of Student Support Services, ASPIRE, a federally funded TRIO program at UW-Stout. The GO-More program gives second-year college students who have never been overseas a short-term global experience.

The students left for Hungary on March 8 and returned March 19. During the global experience, students stayed in the capital city of Budapest and visiting Szeged and other small villages. The experience included a community service project with local schools and community centers.

The students learned to speak Hungarian and to understand the culture in preparation for the trip.

UW-Stout students battle hunger and homelessness in Indianapolis

A small group of students from the University of Wisconsin-Stout spent their spring break in Indianapolis, Ind. The students prepared and served meals at a soup kitchen, visited and helped maintain a men's shelter and assisted a not-for-profit art organization with art camps and classes.

UW-Stout art students exhibit at the State Capitol

Lt. Gov. Barbara Lawton requested original artwork created by students at the University of Wisconsin-Stout grace the walls of her office as part of her Art in the Office program, which features Wisconsin

artists. The exhibit, now on display in the State Capitol, includes 14 paintings, drawings and prints made by UW-Stout art students. A closing reception for the exhibition was held on March 20 in the office of the lieutenant governor.

UW-Stout construction students receive national recognition

The student chapter of the Mechanical Contractors Association of America at the University of Wisconsin-Stout was honored with the Student Chapter of the Year Award Feb. 28 at the association's national convention in Orlando, Fla. Student chapters are judged on governance, communications, community service, membership development, and placement of students in internships and full-time positions with mechanical contractors.

According to Tim Becker, MCAA faculty adviser, the student chapter at UW-Stout takes steps to promote student interest. The chapter offers special student field trips; it also initiated its first Mechanical Day on April 28, 2006. The second annual Mechanical Day will be held in October 2007. The program also is adding a minor in mechanical and electrical construction, beginning in 2008.

This is the first year that the UW-Stout student chapter won the award. Competitors included student chapters from Purdue University, California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo, Georgia Institute of Technology and 20 other universities.

For more information, contact Becker at beckett@uwstout.edu or (715) 577-3014.

Science Olympiad creates academic athletes, or "intelletes"

The University of Wisconsin-Stout will host the state-level Science Olympiad tournament for middle and high school students March 31 in the Memorial Student Center and Jarvis Hall. Students will participate in events from 9:20 a.m. until 3 p.m. The awards ceremony will be held at 3:40 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Sports and Fitness Center.

The Science Olympiad is a series of science competitions, including Disease Detectives, Mystery Engineering, Balloon Launch Glider and Robot Ramble. The hands-on, problem-solving activities elevate science education to a level of enthusiasm and support that is normally reserved for varsity sports programs. Instead of athletes, the participants are "intelletes."

The model program has a string of successes. Participating schools report increased interest in science and increased enrollment in science classes. After attending a Science Olympiad, students usually return each year until they graduate from high school. This is the fourth year that the statewide tournament has been held at UW-Stout.

The event schedule, including competitions, room numbers and times, can be accessed from <http://www.wisconsinso.org/divc/> (select the "Download 2007 State Tournament Event Room Map for UW-Stout" link from the menu on the left). For more information, contact Forrest Schultz, associate professor of chemistry, at schultzf@uwstout.edu or (715) 232-5009.

Students in University Honors Program explore faith and reason

The University Honors Program at the University of Wisconsin-Stout will host the spring Honors Colloquium March 30 from 6-9 p.m. in the meeting room of the Congregational Church in Menomonie. One hundred-thirty University Honors Program students and alumni will prepare a text for discussion and debate on the topic of faith and reason, based on Richard Rubenstein's "Aristotle's Children: How Christians, Muslims, and Jews Rediscovered Ancient Wisdom and Illuminated the Middle Ages." Fifteen faculty members also will participate in the event.

UW-Stout is one of the few universities to host such an event. The colloquium is the trademark activity of the UW-Stout University Honors Program. Outside of their regular coursework, honors students read a common text in advance of the colloquium. At the event, the students break into small discussion groups and reconvene as a whole group for discussion and debate.

This year, a community member will lead one of the discussion groups. Dr. Roy Harrisville III, the new pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Menomonie, will participate. He is a former professor of classical languages and literature.

For more information, contact Bob Horan, professor of English and philosophy, at horanr@uwstout.edu or (715) 232-1476.

A new generation of PONG players

More than 100 video gamers who go by user names such as "tech-ed chick" and "8-baLL" will crowd in the Great Hall of the Memorial Student Center to play online video games March 31, beginning at 8 a.m. They will play for 37 hours straight. The event, known as a LAN (Local Area Network) Party, is sponsored by the University of Wisconsin-Stout student special interest group, PONG, which stands for People's Organization of Network Gaming.

PONG hosts four LAN parties a year. The April Fools LAN Party, beginning March 31, is the biggest one of the year. Last year, 80 gamers crowded into Huff's for the event. This year the group reserved the larger Great Hall to be able to accommodate up to 200 gamers. Gamers will arrive ready to compete, armed with computers,

servers, power cords, joysticks and racing wheels. They will participate in games in the genres of role playing, first-person shooters and real-time strategy.

For more information, contact Dan "Longblonde" Wald, president of PONG at UW-Stout, at waldd@uwstout.edu or (715) 523-1656.

Home building trends

Two University of Wisconsin-Stout experts can comment on the "The Home of the Future" study conducted by the National Association of Home Builders. Results of the survey indicate that all homes will be "greener" and more resource efficient than today, and will have more universal design features. More than likely, homes also will have three-car garages with door openings large enough to accommodate bigger vehicles. Upscale homes also may feature two master suites.

Mitchell Spencer, program director for the construction program, can explain how home building trends affect construction students in the classroom. Spencer can be contacted at spencerm@uwstout.edu or (715) 232-2416.

Jeff Annis, senior rehabilitation specialist, can explain the significance of the universal design trend in residential homes. Annis can be contacted at annisj@uwstout.edu or (715) 232-1164.

Who Wants to be a Millionaire?

Ever wonder what life as a millionaire is like? Well, your chance to find out is coming to the University of Wisconsin-Stout next week. On Thursday, March 29, three entrepreneur millionaires are visiting the UW-Stout campus to share about their life experiences and give encouragement to students. The trio will host an invitation-only forum dinner for the top student leaders on campus where they will discuss their businesses and how spirituality tied into their success. One of the millionaires will then be speaking at the weekly Campus Crusade for Christ meeting at 7:34 p.m. in the Great Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information contact Paul Schulz at schulzp@uwstout.edu

How students can find their own co-ops and internships, or alumni their next career positions

A new industry is developing in which placement firms match college students with co-ops and internships for hefty fees. These placement services are charging thousands of dollars to write resumes, identify potential employers and find summer housing for college students. But college students who choose this route may not be aware of the many free resources available to them at their own universities—either in person or 24/7 on the Internet. Nor will they develop critical job search skills.

Universities typically have career services available to teach students and alumni the lifelong skill of searching for jobs,

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~~Smooth~~ CRIMINALS

Tales of stupidity
from Menomonie

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to a police officer- 1
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Smokehouse sausages

CKTO kitchen was filled with smoke on February 27. Hall directors informed police poor ventilation allowed the smoke to build up from students cooking sausages. This is not the first time smoke has built up while students have been cooking. The hall director said she would contact her supervisors.

Snowballs? What snowballs?

A large group of students were found throwing snowballs at a Tustison window on February 28. The screens off of two windows had been taken out and the snowballs were going into the building. Only two students out of the group admitted to throwing snowballs when questioned.

Harvey Hall early renovation

Custodial staff found two bricks that had been thrown through two alley windows of 50 Harvey Hall. It happened on March 2nd during the night or early morning. Glass was strewn in the classroom and any possible footprints were covered by newly fallen snow.

Jason, we've found your knife

A large knife was found in the HKMC TV lounge in the basement by night security on March 4. The knife was black, about 12-14 inches long, and had a black nylon sheath. It was found under a lounge chair with the handle sticking out. It was taken into evidence.

Father knows best

On March 11, hall staff reported a suspicious male in North Hall attempting to open doors on the fourth floor. Police came and found an intoxicated man in a room. The man was the father of the student and he could not remember which room was his son's after he left it to go to the bathroom. He was told to stay in the room.

Trapped inside an elevator

A person was trapped inside the Sports and Fitness Center elevator on March 13. A maintenance worker concluded the Menomonie fire department had not been called. The police informed the person inside the elevator to call again and that the dispatcher was notified to call the fire department.

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including student-based field experiences such as co-ops/internships. These offices, though, are considered "voluntary"; students and alumni must take the initiative to use the resources available to them.

UW-Stout in particular is known for providing students with "real world," active-learning experiences before they graduate. Its co-op program is one of 800 formal, nationally recognized programs. Boasting more than 700 participating students and more than 500 employers, UW-Stout's program is the largest program of its kind in the UW System and also is one of the largest in the nation. The office provides more than 40 workshops per semester to help students develop resumes, interviewing skills, job search strategies and professional communication. UW-Stout students average \$12 per hour in earnings while on assignments, and the 2005-06 co-op class earned a total of \$6 million.

Most importantly, UW-Stout offers the same free job-search resources and services to alumni for the duration of their careers.

Staff members in Career Services can compare and contrast the trend in for-profit placement services and the benefits of students conducting job searches on their own. Names of UW-Stout students who have benefited from the university's Career Services may also be provided.

For more information, contact Amy J. Lane, counselor/cooperative education coordinator, at laneam@uwstout.edu or (715) 232-1129.

Fluorescent for 40 years

The University of Wisconsin-Stout has used fluorescent lighting in its facilities for approximately 40 years, long before the current movement to encourage more use of fluorescent bulbs. Fluorescent lighting is becoming more prevalent and popular as environmental concerns become mainstream issues. For instance, Australia has plans to phase out incandescent bulbs by 2010 and retailer Wal-Mart is giving preferential shelf space to fluorescent bulbs over incandescent bulbs. Meanwhile, UW-Stout, who operates the most energy efficient campus in the UW System, already uses 98 percent fluorescent lighting.

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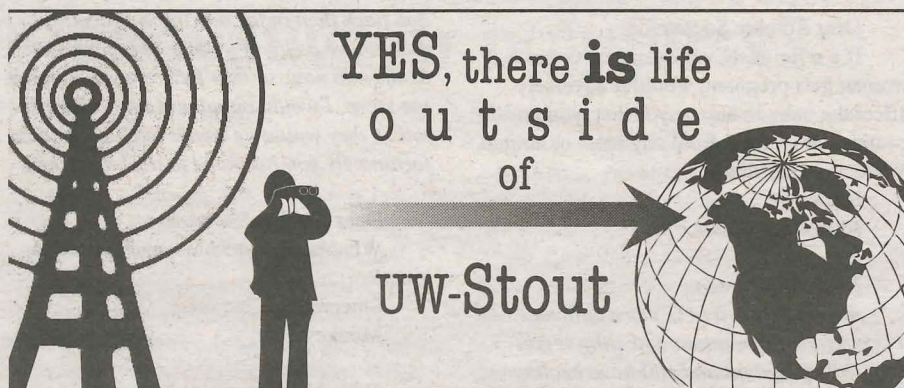
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Boy Scout found

A 12-year-old boy from North Carolina was lost in the wooded mountains for four days and three nights. He was on a Boy Scout trip when he became homesick and wanted to hitchhike home. His disappearance brought in bloodhounds, helicopters and volunteers on foot. He was found dehydrated and disoriented.

Vice President still alive

Vice President Dick Cheney went to the hospital on Tuesday, March 20 because of discomfort in his lower left leg. A blood clot was found there two weeks ago. An ultrasound did not reveal an extension or complications of the blood clot. The results were good and he is back at the White House.

Skywalk over the Grand Canyon

The Hualapai Indian Reservation allowed a \$30 million skywalk to be built over the Grand Canyon on reservation land. The horseshoe-shaped Grand Canyon Skywalk has a glass floor and the reservation granted a Las Vegas developer to build skywalk thinking it would create a unique attraction near their reservation that would give the reservation some of the tourist dollars that are spent at the Grand Canyon. The skywalk will open to public on March 28 of this year.

Gays jump on chance for civil unions

219 gay couples filed applications to join in civil unions during the first month it was available in New Jersey. These civil

unions offer the legal benefits of marriage. However, they do not give the title of marriage. The civil union law took effect February 19. Currently, only Massachusetts allows gay couples to marry.

FBI heighten terror on school busses

It's been reported that suspected extremist groups have attempted to become school bus drivers across the nation. However, there are no threats, plots or any reason for concern at this point. Recent suspicious activity by foreigners activated this warning and a bulletin has been sent to local police in case they need to identify or respond to any suspicious activity.

Wal-Mart employees market themselves

Two Wal-Mart employees in the marketing department conducted an extramarital affair, at times using the company's money. They sought jobs from an advertising agency which they were to be evaluating. They have both been fired and the deal with the agency was cancelled. A lawsuit was filed by one of the employees and will take place in federal court.

Polar bear cub debate

An abandoned polar bear cub at the Berlin Zoo is being debated by an animal rights activist who insists it was wrong to

intervene and save the cub. When the cub was born, along with his brother, the mother ignored them both. The brother died and at that time the zoo intervened to save the other cub. The activist believes the cub should have been left to fend for himself like it would in the wild.

Pet deaths traced to bad food

There has been an enormous pet food recall all over America. 60 million cans and pouches of wet pet food made in Canada were recalled. This number makes up 1% of pet food sold in the United States. The recall includes brands such as Iams, Nutro, and Eukanuba and could have been purchased at retailers such as Wal-Mart and other large retailers. The deaths of 13 cats and one dog have been traced to the recall. The FDA is looking at these foods for toxins to the kidneys and at other ingredients as well.

Incandescent light bulbs on the way out

Energy experts have announced that it is time to switch light bulbs, all by 2016, to the new energy efficient fluorescents, halogens and LEDs. By replacing these bulbs, you can save \$55 per life of one bulb because these bulbs last longer and are more efficient. These bulbs can be purchased at any large retailer.

University of Wisconsin-Stout Request for Third Party Comment

The University of Wisconsin-Stout is seeking comments from the public about the university in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. As part of its participation in the Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP), UW-Stout will undergo an on-site, Quality Check-Up visit May 2-4, 2007, by a team representing the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The team will review the institution's ongoing ability to meet the Commission's Criteria for Accreditation.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding UW-Stout by paper mail addressed to:

Public Comment on University of Wisconsin-Stout
Commissions on Institutions of Higher Education
North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400
Chicago, IL 60602

The public can also submit comments regarding the university electronically to:

<http://www.ncahlc.org/wrapped/thirdparty.php>

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Comments must be signed; comments cannot be treated as confidential.

All comments must be received by April 2, 2007

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zombie socrates

Hey, kids, it's me: *Zombie Socrates*. I'm back from the dead and in Menomonie for the time being, so I thought I could do my part for society by giving advice to you young whippersnappers and answer any questions you might have about the meaning of life, truth, justice, girlfriend/boyfriend squabbles or anything in between. The shop is open, so ask away!

Dear Zombie Socrates,
If you could be any fish, what would you be?
Sincerely,
Fish Master Gerald

Dear Fish Master,
I sometimes think it would be nice to be a mola mola.

Dear Zombie Socrates,
Are avocados fruits or vegetables?
Sincerely,
Batman

Dear Batman,
Avocados are actually fruits, sir. By the way, the editor-in-chief of *The Stoutonia* has informed me that he would like to pledge his eternal admiration for you and your war on crime. Just wanted to let you know.

Dear Zombie Socrates,
Do zombies like techno trance and/or eurobeat?
Sincerely,
Hans and Franz

Dear Hans and Franz,
Actually that's the only kind of music we like listening to. In fact, our kind likes it so much that as soon as we hear a groove gettin' on, we cannot help but start dancing like the crazy funkadelic zombies that we are. It's funny because I have read so many zombie survival guidebooks, but all of them fail to note the uncontrollable effects that techno and eurobeat have on us. Seriously, if we ever start to attack you and eat your brains or anything, just lay down the smooth trance groove and we'll start partying like there is no tomorrow. Ever seen *House of the Dead*? Notice how everytime there were zombie "attacks" there was crazy techno music in the background? Well those zombies weren't "attacking," man; they were just having a good time.

Dear Zombie Socrates,
If a religiously vegetarian or vegan woman gets pregnant, would it adversely affect the baby in any way if that woman continues to refrain from any meat or animal products in her diet?

Sincerely,
Jolly Green Giant

Dear Jolly Green,
Although it is a LOT more difficult, it is possible to maintain a healthy vegan diet while pregnant and still have healthy babies. For vegans it is usually suggested to temporarily switch to a lacto-ovo vegetarian diet while pregnant if possible, but if you are intent on remaining purely vegan it can be done. As a vegetarian myself, I strongly suggest you just make sure you get enough protein from soy products, calcium, Vitamin D and B12.

Dear Zombie Socrates,
Why are the stairs in Bowman Hall more tiresome to climb up than any other stairs anywhere else on the campus of UW-Stout?

Sincerely,
Your Mom

Dear Mom,
Bowman Hall is a very old building,

and back then in the day the architects didn't have as good a sense of ergonomics as they do now, so they built the stairs much too steep. I would imagine if they rebuilt it today, they would be easier to climb, but unfortunately you just have to deal until then.

Dear Zombie Socrates,
What is a polytechnic, and is it contagious?

Sincerely,
Monkey Boy

Dear Monkey,
Polytechnic stems from the Greek words meaning 'many' and 'art' respectively. But I am assuming you are referring to the newly defined Polytechnic UW-Stout, in which case it would just be a fancy new term for something that we pretty much already are and can be described as an upgrade from a more formal technical learning institution. Unfortunately, it is indeed contagious, so be sure you don't catch it on a public toilet seat or something.

If you have any questions you would like to ask me, simply send them to stoutonia@uwstout.edu, and be sure to include *Zombie Socrates* in the subject header!

letters to the



I am writing briefly to question the decision not to cancel the day's classes (Friday the 2nd of March). If the weather was bad enough the day before to call off classes at 4:30 pm—and the weather Friday was worse—then why were classes not canceled Friday as well? Upon climbing up the 2nd Street Corridor, to Harvey Hall around 9:15 am (from South Hall); I slipped and fell twice because the sidewalks were not plowed and had hidden ice patches. If I, a healthy young man, fall twice with minor injury traversing the campus sidewalks; how then do you expect commuter students and those less nimble than myself to arrive at classes escaping harm and injury? Honestly, I understand that this is a rare occurrence and that facilities people are most likely tied up plowing other areas—but I cannot believe that classes would not be cancelled at such a time when even the largest and most frequented sidewalks are unable to be cleared for safe passage. To me, a decision not to cancel classes is a decision to put students at risk—is this setting a good example? I think not and I hope next time it is considered quickly to avoid any other accidents in these harsh winter conditions. If we must have classes; at least tell somebody to get out there and clear the major thoroughfares on campus!

Matthew L. Swanson

What has happened to Frat life, and partying your butts off while in college? Have things at UW-Stout gotten so hectic that there isn't time for these basic necessities anymore? Or is there a much simpler explanation? Chucky, yes good old Chancellor Sorenson is behind a lot of this. Chucky and the Dunn county police department have been working on cutting back the partying aspect from UW-Stout life for years now. It's too bad because let me tell you, I had a lot of good times at UW-Stout. Okay, so I might not remember all of them but that is part of college, and part of growing up. Students of UW-Stout, don't let the fear of fines or letters home to your parents (scare tactics by Chucky) hinder you from letting loose while at college. Use this time to explore and find out more about yourself. YOU ARE ADULTS! College is your time to shine, keep an open mind and get out and meet some people. Don't let Chucky and his minions hinder part of your learning experience. I suppose I should also state that I am in no way condoning drinking so much that you fail to complete the degree you are at UW-Stout for. However, you have to remember this thing called college life is your chance at meeting new people and discovering your future possibilities. Good luck and have fun!

Chad Stueland
Alumnus '03

Well, all you need IS love!

By Jordan Chabalowski
Guest Columnist

In light of all the catastrophic events that plague our world, positivity is an element that at times can be very difficult to hold on to. Global warming, the war in Iraq, escalating conflict in the middle east, countries wanting to develop nuclear capabilities, genocide, economic decay...the list could run for miles.

Many times we, as individuals, wonder, "What the hell can I even do about these issues?" This is a fair and great question.

What can we, as American individuals, do about a malicious dictator or vengeful genocide that is going on right now within the world?

The answer at face value can seem very simple or at times even arbitrary. However, the tool used to combat these issues isn't always the easiest one to grasp onto. What is this tool that will help turn our planet around and bring our social structures out of decay? Love.

A simple four letter word with an infinite amount of possibilities. We must first begin by loving our true selves (and not the ego-driven shells we merely exist in), then once this task is accomplished we can turn our newly harnessed energy outward toward the masses. It is as simple as showing a sense of peace, unity, respect, and responsibility to everyone you meet

and interact with. Sure, it is a heck of a lot easier to cast someone out with a negative thought, word, or physical gesture...but that one individual might spiral off into his own decay and retaliate against people with his own negativity. This creates a maelstrom of perpetual negativity that spreads like an infectious disease through every element of society. Fear and hate has the power to topple governments and even whole civilizations. Fear has been the root of some of the worst chaos through history. This can easily be overturned, though. Through the power of love (actual love...and not in a romantic or sexual sense), we can break the chains of hate and fear that are preventing us from living in a peaceful and united world. It is challenging to do; I make no promises that it is always easy, however it must be done for the sake of our planet. These political and carnal instincts of human nature (I speak of war), can be overturned though L-O-V-E.

This is something that can be accomplished by every individual, and it is an awesome way to TRULY make a difference within the world as a whole. By taking little steps day by day, minute by minute, and breath by breath we can create enough headway to change the world in which we live in for the better. Together through love we can move mountains.

I love you all, never forget that, and have a lovely spring day!

Innovative or pointless?

By Andrew Ohlmann
Columnist

It sounds like the suits running the music industry have finally caved in. Just this week, through a breathlessly-worded mass-mailed press release, we have been informed of the arrival of RUCKUS! A quick visit to the Web site tells me that they are in the business of "Music. Media. Mayhem." The promise of free music for all is alluring, and even sounds a little dangerous.

However, all is not as it seems. Beneath its "edgy" aesthetic and in-your-face "I'm hip with the kids" attitude, I imagine nobody is surprised to find out that Ruckus is sponsored by the music industry; the same people who have been fighting tooth and nail against file sharing since the first lovesick teenager dubbed the first mixtape for his crush back in the '80s.

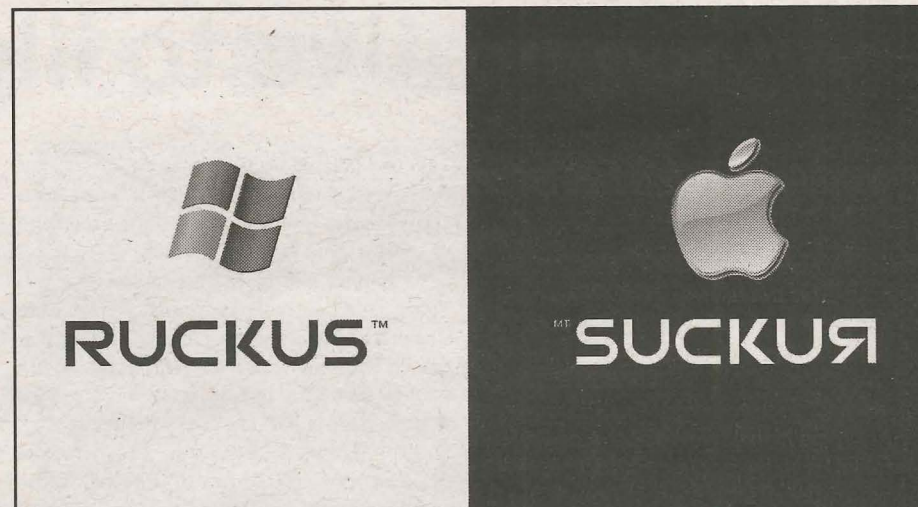
So now that they are "giving away"

music with a business model that hopes they will make all of their money through advertising. All of the music that students download is heavily crippled; nobody can use it with iPods or (for the moment) their Apple computers, and because the students never technically own the music, they only keep it as long as Ruckus wants them to.

This would be something I could get behind, normally. I'm a true believer in capitalism, for the most part. If a company thinks they can get money through advertising, so be it.

However, this is less a company and more of a last-ditch effort to stop file-sharing. The recording industry is trying to have their cake and eat it too.

As a Mac user, I can't (for the moment) use Ruckus. Even if I could, I wouldn't. Everything they have, and more, is available to me through other means, in any quality I want. I don't want Ruckus' crippled



downloads. I don't even want iTunes Store music, with its relatively light restrictions. I want to be free to do whatever I want with my music, even if it means I have to continue buying CDs (yes, I do still buy CDs).

The record companies are fighting a

losing war against file sharing. Each time the companies fight, they only breed more ill will among customers, from Sony allowing viruses onto computer users' machines to Ruckus' painful restrictions. It's time for them to throw in the towel.

Every time you smoke, a kitten dies | would that make you stop?

By Meghann Grmick
Guest Columnist

Imagine for a moment your final minutes of freedom before you walk into work or have to sit attentively in a cramped classroom for eight hours. These last few moments of yours are spent trying to absorb as much sunlight and fresh—if cold—air. And what a gorgeous winter morning it is with a crystal blue sky and an invigorating feel to the day, only soon to be squeezed into an elevator with ten people smelling of stale morning coffee breath and the bacon they had for breakfast. So... one last breath of crisp air then... BAM! You have just shared the exhale of someone's last cigarette of the morning. Disgusting!

Has this ever happened to you?

Well, why does it still happen to any of us on campus? Perhaps the administration thinks a campus-wide smoke free policy would deter incoming freshmen if implemented. Possibly students doubt the amount of backing power to ask student officials for a no smoking campus wide policy.

The Surgeon General acknowledges the significant health hazards of second hand smoke. The United States Government has affirmed these scientifically backed claims by declaring all government buildings 'smoke free.' Numerous taverns around the country have restrictions on smoking in their facilities, even Ireland of all places in the world have declared it illegal to smoke in pubs and this happened in a society where a drink and a fag were as common as apple pies in America.

So why are we as a student body still having to deal with such a sickening pastime of less than 30% of our fellow class mates? The American College Health Association has "adopted a NO TOBACCO USE policy

and encourages colleges and universities to be diligent in their efforts to achieve a campus-wide tobacco-free environment" this statement released in February of 2005.

Universities throughout the United States have begun to prohibit smoking campus-wide. A Harvard University study last year found that twenty-five percent of U.S. colleges' ban smoking [with] in dormitories and the number is rising. A more progressive stance was taken by the New Jersey Governor who signed legislation prohibiting smoking in dorms at public and private colleges throughout the state. These and more case findings can be found on www.smokefreebc.org with links to specific studies and interviews preformed by such reputable sources as Harvard University research division, American Cancer Society and USA Today.

So why is it we are still debating this topic of smoking on campus. Are students really concerned with squashing the so-called rights of the smoker? Numerous public health officials have declared a war on second hand smoke. We as a nation have a mandatory seatbelt law and, in this writers opinion, not wearing a seatbelt has never been linked to causing cancer in other carpoolers.

Perhaps our college administrators are worried about the backlash the college would receive financially. Well on the contrary, study after study has shown the positive effects a campus-wide 'no tobacco' use policy can have on the college as a whole. Why even just posting signs on campus stating, "Think. Why Smoke?" was shown to reduce the number of cigarette butts on the ground by thirty-five percent according to a 1999 study at Ursinus College. The American Journal of Preventive Medicine printed a report that claims even

smokers support some smoke-free policies. Another study done by people with really long titles with even longer titled committees supporting them concluded, "Student support for proposed tobacco control policies is strong, even among smokers... these findings should provide reassurance to college administrators who are considering adopting [such] policies."

A major finding from one study submitted to the American Legacy Foundation describes "positive impacts" on the campus when a smoke-free policy was put into place in dormitories alone. A decrease of damage to resident halls and buildings, decreased attrition which I can understand; it has been proven that smokers do take more sick days than co-workers that don't smoke. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention found between 1997 and 2001 that the United States lost about 92 billion dollars in lost productivity as reported in an article found in Ebscohost. Finally, surprisingly the study even found a decrease in student roommate conflicts.

So, presumably one could see that all of these findings truly outweigh the apprehension students and administrators may have when unsure of how a smoke free policy campus-wide could affect the student body and the stability of the college.

Currently the smoking policy which was revised in March 2005 states no smoking within 25 feet of a building on campus. Rachel Kasinskas wrote in the Stoutonia "This new policy does not have official enforcement, and will be enforced only by voluntary compliance." When compiling my information for this essay I never checked when the smoking policy was actually put into operation, it was only until I spoke to Dean Sanky, who is involved with organizations on the University of Wisconsin-Stout

campus such as Health and Safety and the Optimal Health Committee, that I found out the new policy was only recently changed. I was actually surprised by this. As I dug a little deeper I found that no student associations were involved in the policy change and the only reason the smoking policy was brought to the table was because it was up for review.

I found this discouraging. I thought universities and colleges were supposed to be full of discontented young adults ready to voice their opinions and try and make change throughout the world by banning together. Well I am mistaken, I guess Dean Sanke was right when he is quoted as saying, "This [policy] did just change so I don't anticipate it changing anytime soon." I add to that especially if students don't start taking a more active role in University policy.

I guess hundreds of reports of thousands of people dying every year aren't enough to convince the intelligent free thinkers on campus to ask, if not demand change sooner than the rest of mainstream society does. I just wonder what else this generation is waiting for the rest of "society" to get around to. The college students of right now will be the members of the deciding class in the future. So whose job will it be to create change then? What will this lax society let slide, perhaps another racial genocide like in World War II or the fleecing American's hard earned wages and pensions like in Enron? Will this generation just say "Hey it's not my job; besides what's in it for me?"

An alternative to illegal downloading

By Kyle Kingston
Editor-in-Chief

On Tuesday, March 20, University of Wisconsin-Stout announced their partnership with Ruckus Networks, a file sharing network that provides an alternative legal source for music and movie file downloads.

On Tuesday students found the following e-mail in their inboxes: "UW-Stout would like to announce our partnership with the online music service Ruckus. Here's just some of what you'll get from Ruckus." Then a bullet point list: "free unlimited download access to a library of 2.0+ Million Songs; downloading albums in less than a minutes; new music every week, Ruckus programmed playlists and album reviews; exclusive artist and music label spotlights, interviews and photos; the ability to create and share your own playlists with your friends."

According to their official Web site, Ruckus is legal because they get their music directly from record labels and CD aggregators. They pay the record label each time one of their tracks is played. Ruckus uses "Digital Rights Management" (DRM) to protect songs and movies. DRM is in place to "pre-

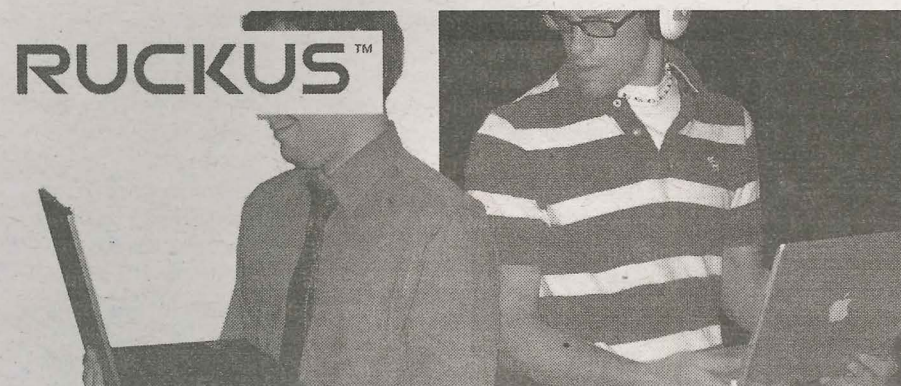
vent transferring songs outside of Ruckus" so they can "maintain [their] agreements with record labels" and also "ensure that the song is being played by a Ruckus user."

In other words, when you create an account, you can download music and movie files for free, but there are limits to what you can do with the files, especially if you desire to copy them. For instance, Ruckus files will not work on an iPod; in fact, Ruckus files work only with Microsoft PlaysForSure MP3 players, which with the advent of Microsoft's new Zune, are in danger of quickly becoming obsolete.

The Ruckus library is also smaller than the iTunes music library by roughly a million songs. The files also cannot be burned to a CD unless you purchase them from Ruckus. Other issues involve the unconventional naming of some of the files (all caps, underscores as opposed to spaces), and some tracks may be unavailable due to cross-listings on the service.

Still, for simple playback on a computer—and for the ability to share with people on your network—the Ruckus is at least as effective as iTunes, and will be free to most UW-Stout students.

Anyone with a Macintosh is, for the moment, left out, but Ruckus promises their next



not available for Macs — yet

edition—due for release in the summer—will support Macs. In the meantime, anyone with an Intel based Mac still has the option of running Windows XP (visit www.apple.com/macosx/bootcamp/ to learn how).

As of this writing, a purchase order of \$10,000 has been placed for the Ruckus network by UW-Stout (with the agreement and participation of the SSA), paid for using Student Technology Fee funds. However, if in the next 90 days 3000 UW-Stout students or more register with Ruckus, the service will be completely free for UW-Stout.

Upwards of 1500 students registered

with Ruckus on the day of UW-Stout's e-mail announcement. Doug Wahl, Chief Information Officer of the university, was confident that meeting the 3000 sign-up goal would be no problem.

Wahl acknowledges that there will likely be some problems with the service—some of the more computer savvy students may find ways to strip the files of their DRM, for instance—but is confident that UW-Stout has done a wise thing in getting on board with Ruckus and providing students with a university-sponsored alternative to illegal downloading.

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Matt Hoover, winner of NBC's
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Shaving the way to awareness

By Brittany Bean
Staff Writer

Many young girls dream of growing up to be a princess crowned with a gorgeous head of healthy hair; however, for a child diagnosed with cancer, the fairy tale remains just that.

On March 10, 2007, UW-Stout student Amy Gietzel showed her support for children that lose their hair from cancer treatment by taking part in a fundraising event called St. Baldrick's. Gietzel, who attends the University of Wisconsin-Stout as an Interior Design major, was excited to participate in the festivities that would culminate with her head being completely shaved and then painted with the St. Baldrick's mascot, Lucky the Leprechaun.

St. Baldrick's began when three friends—Tim Kenny, John Bender and Enda McDonnell—decided to celebrate their good fortune by giving back to people in need. The three reinsurance executives, all of Irish descent, thought people would pay good money to see them have their heads shaved, so they transformed their industry's St. Patrick's Day party into a fundraising event for children with cancer. St. Baldrick's (a combination of St. Patrick's Day and the word "bald") was born.

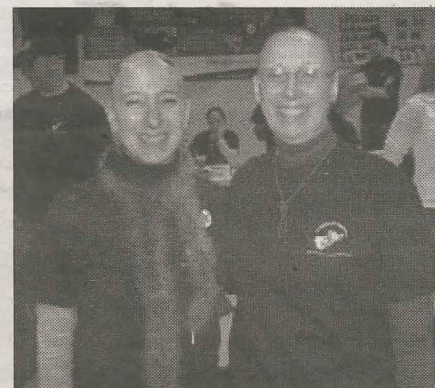
Currently, the organization is the world's biggest volunteer-driven fundraising program for childhood cancer, raising over \$20 million and shaving more than 26,000 heads. Since its beginning eight years ago, St. Baldrick's has had events hosted in 42 U.S. states and 10 countries, including Bermuda, Argentina and Hong Kong.

Like the trio of men that started this event, participants continue to trade their hair for money. The question "How much will you pay me to shave my head?" has been asked for decades—usually as a result of too much boredom or too much booze. However, Gietzel and her team—made up of her mother, step-father and brother—asked the question with the hope that friends, family and strangers would open their wallets and donate to a worthy cause.

The majority of money raised goes to the Children's Oncology Group, the world's leading childhood cancer research organization that consists of 230 research institutions working together to find cures.

Although St. Baldrick's is becoming a global organization, last year was the first time an event was held in Eau Claire. When a friend of Gietzel's in Eau Claire found out her daughter had a brain tumor, she organized a St. Baldrick's benefit in the area to help raise awareness. This year, the event was expected to be even bigger and more successful with fun activities for both the shavers and those going to support them.

The benefit was held at the Quality Inn in Eau Claire and featured a live auction, raffles, balloon animals, a clown, kids' games and free Coldstone Creamery ice-cream for any of the shavers, Locks of Love donors and/or children through the door. Some of the



Contributed photographs

Above left: Amy Gietzel, before. Above: Amy Gietzel, after. Above right: Amy Gietzel and mother, Judy Schnacky, both after donating their hair for St. Baldrick's Day.

items in the auction included tickets to a Timberwolves game and a football autographed by the entire Greenbay Packers team.

Gietzel's interest in the cause stems from more than just a desire to help support children going through chemotherapy. Her mother was diagnosed with breast cancer and has been in remission for four years now. During her treatment, Gietzel's mother lost her hair and would wear a lot of wigs and hats.

"I wish I would have done it when my mom cut her hair off the first time, but I didn't have the courage five years ago. I'm a little more secure now; I don't really care what people think of me now," Gietzel said.

One person who is not as excited about Gietzel's transformation is her boyfriend.

"He is less than thrilled about my form of donation," Gietzel said. "Nevertheless, I argue it is just hair, and I'll be as just as cute without it."

Her boyfriend's resistance didn't deter Gietzel, however, and she and her team went on to raise over \$3,100. Their initial goal was \$5,000, and although Gietzel admits that might have been a bit steep, she is hopeful donations will continue coming in once people at work and in her classes see she actually went through with it.

"It's a much bigger deal for a woman to be bald than a man," Gietzel said. So far this year, only 1,418 women have participated as shavers compared with the 11,830 male shavers nationwide. Gietzel sees this as a unique opportunity to raise more awareness. "People will ask me questions and then maybe they'll do it next year."

Although Gietzel anticipates that others will follow her lead by participating in the event next year, she won't be shaving her head again too soon. When her boyfriend asked if she planned on doing this every year, Gietzel replied, laughing: "No. Maybe every five years."

Nationwide, the organization has raised over \$6 million this year alone. With people's knowledge of the event increasing, hopefully more and more individuals will find the courage to donate something that is so simple to them but so precious to a child undergoing cancer treatment. Gietzel has paved the way—or more fittingly, shaved the way—to a higher level of awareness in the area and, along the way, she has added a few more "Happily Ever Afters" to some children's lives.



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UW-Stout adopts new, strict drug testing policy



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By Josh Parshley
Staff Writer

Scandal and response

Last December the University of Wisconsin-Stout athletics program suffered embarrassment when illegal drugs, including marijuana and steroids, were discovered in a police search of two university football players' residences.

The day after the two students were arrested, Chancellor Charles Sorensen had a committee formed to determine an appropriate response. Within three meetings of the committee, the members were ready to put a new, uniquely strong drug policy into effect for all athletic programs at UW-Stout.

"When something like this happens, it is very visible to the public," said Steve Terry, the UW-Stout Athletic Director. "You must react and get it done fast."

As of this writing, the new drug policy is still being drafted. UW-Stout officials are working with the National Center for Drug Free Sport to the policy, which is being shaped around existing policies in place in Division I and II schools.

Drug testing policies are common in Division I and II schools, but not Division III schools like UW-Stout. That may soon change.

Although the widely publicized drug bust involved only members of UW-Stout's football program, the policy is being drafted for all UW-Stout athletic programs. The drug testing policy is being finalized now and will be put into place for all sports this coming fall.

For students wondering why there was not a policy already in place, approximately 80 percent of Division III schools do not perform drug testing apart from the testing required for participation in national championships.

"UW-Stout had signed up for a pilot program early this October," said Terry. "The program lasts two years, which includes education and testing for performance enhancing and recreational drugs."

That program will not divulge any names and is for informational purposes only, the purpose being to help get an overall view of athletic drug use at Division III schools. The program will include roughly 100 different universities this coming fall. Regardless of the findings of this national program, UW-Stout will proceed with its own rigorous drug testing program.

How will it work?

The drug testing policy will have three different ways of implementing tests.

The first is to test athletes randomly, which is the most common form of drug testing. The second method, less common, is called the mandatory method, where a coach can initiate a full team test.

The final way of testing is the suspicion method, which is somewhat complex. The basic idea of that method is that players suspected of drug use are tested, but many steps must be taken before this can occur.

How this new drug testing will be funded is not yet known. The costs for the drug tests will be around \$5,000. Even so, the administration maintains that the costs will not be a major impact on the athletic program. The goal is to use self-generated dollars to pay for the bulk of testing costs, while the athletic budget would be used for any remaining expenses.

Terry was adamant that the costs of these tests would not end up in the hands of students.

"18-year-old kids know the difference between right and wrong," said Terry. "Testing will work as a strong deterrent to athlete

drug use. I believe that the best practice to discourage athletic drug use is a combination of testing and education. There is only one true way to tell if there is a problem. Drug testing, that is the bottom line.

Issues of privacy?

Some students have expressed concern over issues of privacy invasion in regards to mandatory drug testing. As for the athletes themselves, none so far have voiced any concerns along these lines to The Stoutonia.

"Issues with privacy will not be a problem," said coach Walter. "The policy will be going under review by the UW-Stout legal system. On top of that, in order to be eligible to play, students must sign a drug testing consent form before participating. This requirement has long been in effect, but the consent form itself will undergo some changes to make it conform to the new policy."

"The policy will help all programs," said Terry. He is in agreement with coach Watkins that the players and coaches will do what it takes. "The stronger policy will only produce good things for the athletes. It will give the

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players a heightened support level, knowing everyone will be on the same page. The policy will also help teams recruit better, since coaches will be able to insure steroids and other drugs are not an issue at UW-Stout.

Eager to cooperate

"It was an isolated incident," said hockey coach Terry Watkins, speaking of the December incident. "If they wanted to test the hockey team, we would line up in a heart beat."

He went on to praise the new drug policy and said that whatever hoops he and the team need to jump through for drug testing, they'll be more than willing to comply.

"Bring it on," said Watkins.

"I am all for it," said baseball coach Craig Walter. "Every team and coach wants the programs to be clean and to be able to play the sports how they should be played." He mentions how nobody wants to play cheaters. Also, he believes this new drug policy sends a message, showing everyone that we are ready to step up and make a stand.

"I feel that every person should have the same opportunity to play the sport we love and should have no illegal leg up on the competition," said football player and business major Matt Kuenzli.

Kuenzli explained that he feels that the football program and its athletes are in the spotlight right now and that the policy will be a chance for them to step up and repair their public image. He also remarked that illegal substance problems can be found wherever you go, and it's unfortunate that UW-Stout isn't immune.

"We want to do whatever we can in our power to get rid of this negative image," said Kuenzli.

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Whaddaya know, UW-Stout has talent!

Jenna Wojan

Entertainment Writer

Blue Devil Productions sponsored yet another Open Mic in the Rec Center of the Memorial Student Center on Thursday, March 8.

The first performance was by comedian Luke Van Hulle, a senior majoring in Tech Ed. His act was composed of comical observations. In one joke he stated that Sally Jesse Raphael ruins erections. Luke says that comedy comes easy to him. "I usually tell funny stories, and I've got twenty years of material." His favorite joke is "Two muffins are in an oven, one muffin says, 'It's hot in here.' The other muffin says, 'Oh my god, a talking muffin!'"

Taking the stage next was senior Patrick Gantert, a studio art major performing what he referred to as "A Sculpture." He invited the audience to ask him any kind of question and in return he would answer it honestly to his best ability. The audience was shy at first, but then began asking questions like, "In your opinion, what's the meaning of life?" "Which James Bond do you like best?" and "Would you ever perform sexual acts for money?" Patrick explained his original "sculpture" performance as an "exploration in the levels of power. I wondered how nervous the audience would be in asking questions that are commonly seen as taboo. How easy is it to manifest thought into a tangible thing?"

Josh Johnson was up next, playing original songs he wrote on his acoustic guitar. Josh has recently hit a creative rush. "I've written about nine songs in the past few weeks. By the time I finally knew that I had to walk away/you came back and broke down/and you begged me to stay." With his powerful writing, Johnson is set to put out a solo album in May, as well as become the bass player for jam band Aura Satori. Stephanie Peters and her daughter Krystal Peters played a folk music set. Stephanie, a non-traditional student majoring in manufacturing engineering, admits that she is "a closet performer." The duo performed at Ren-Fair in Chippewa Falls



Source: bdp.uwstout.edu

The University of Wisconsin-Stout's Open Mic night continues to grow in popularity as more unknown artists bring their stuff to the stage. As always, it was a ton of fun.

last summer, playing folk music on classical guitar, recorders, fiddle and an African drum. Stephanie went on to say, "Music is everything. My passion, my inspiration, my joy."

Returning musician, freshman Chelsey Quine, retail merchandising, came on stage next for an acoustic guitar set. She played Don McLean's classic "American Pie" and then an original song that she wrote herself. Quine has been playing since 9th grade and said, "It's a great stress reliever!"

Following her was Menomonie's own metal band When Thoughts Reside, playing amazing kick your-teeth-out screaming riffs.

Freshman Josh Kay, graphic design major, headed up his band, Silver Heart Club. With two high school friends from his home-

town backing him up on vocals and keyboard, Kay played a rousing pop/punk/alternative/indie mix of sounds on his guitar. With an album in the works, and writing original songs Kay said, "We are slowing getting to the place where we want to be in music."

Brian Hall, a psychology major took the crowd next with another hip-hop act. Brian says he is influenced most by the Minneapolis hip-hop scene, including artists such as Atmosphere and Heiruspecs.

Ending the night was freshman duo act Phil Wendt and Sean Evans, GCM majors, on an electric guitar and acoustic guitar meld. With a sound comparable to musician John Mayer, they pulled off an amazing first time performance.

A healthy dose of indie hip hop is good for you

Chelsea Rickert

Entertainment Editor

Black Blondie will perform with opener Omaur Bliss at the University of Wisconsin-Stout on Thursday, March 22 at 8 p.m. in the Rec Center. These entertainers hail from the Minneapolis, Minn. underground music scene.

Black Blondie is an independent musical outfit hailing from Minneapolis, Minn. That infuses hip hop, trip hop and dub, which together offers a trance-inducing style of rhythm and blues.

The musical outfit features two divas: lead vocalists Sarah White from Traditional Methods and Samahra Linton. White's deep, sultry voice contrasts yet compliments Lin-

ton's burlesque voice, creating an incomparable, enigmatic duet. The two ladies of soul co-write the songs they perform together with their band.

The rest of the group consists of instrumentalists Tasha Baron on synths and boxes, Liz Draper on upright bass and Kahlil Brewington on drums and MPC. Baron is formerly of Heiruspecs, a St. Paul, Minn. Hip hop outfit that has visited UW-Stout in the recent past.

Bardon, Draper and Brewington create a unique musical environment that helps the entire band center on affirmative, progressive, and sometimes erotic lyrics.

Black Blondie has opened for big artists such as The Coup, Vitamin D, and Luna An-

gel. The band also likes to mingle with local talent such as I Self Divine and Doomtree. Their first album is currently in the works.

Omaur Bliss performs in a gritty, underground spoken-word style with hints of gospel, soul, jazz and R&B. Bliss raps about his own life experiences and rising above adversity.

He began his career by performing spoken word at open mics and eventually morphing his verse into his interpretation of rap.

Both Black Blondie and Omaur Bliss have Myspace pages which can be found at www.myspace.com/blackblondie and www.myspace.com/omaurbloss, respectively.

Dumb people and feces-filled hamburgers

BDP will show a cult classic and a dramatic documentary

Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

Blue Devil Productions is presenting two movies for the students of University of Wisconsin-Stout. "Idiocracy" will be presented on March 23 at 7 p.m. in Applied Arts 210 and "Fast Food Nation" will be shown on March 27 at 5 p.m. in Micheels Hall 290.

"Beavis and Butthead" and "Office Space" creator Mike Judge has given the world what is considered the new cult film classic of the year. "Idiocracy" takes a Futurama-like story and twists it: the Pentagon finds the most average, unnecessary human being in the military, Private Joe Bauers, and freezes him for the top-secret hibernation program. Also participating in the hibernation program is Rita, a prostitute. They are

both forgotten and wake up 500 years later in a world that is barely run by morons. They are quickly determined to be the most intelligent people alive...and hilarity ensues.

"Fast Food Nation" is a documentary directed by Richard Linklater. This dramatic documentary is a film interpretation of the bestseller book by investigative journalist Eric Schlosser that examines the local and global influence of the United States fast food industry. The movie traces the birth of an everyday, ordinary burger through a chain of riveting, interlocking human stories, from a young immigrant couple working in a meat-packing plant, to a teen clerk who dreams of life beyond the counter, to the corporate marketing whiz-who is shocked to find that one of his burger inventions is literally full of manure.

Wave goodbye to winter

Ashley Smolen
Food Columnist

Not that anyone is in need of a reminder, but for those who enjoy hearing such magical words, spring is here! With the arrival of such a hallowed event comes the escape for many from the dreary, sloppy, snow-covered world that is now Wisconsin and Minnesota.

It's the perfect time to bid farewell to the monotony of the lengthy snow season

and to move on to lighter, brighter, happier things. In a sense, spring could be considered an inadvertent way of saying "bring on the flavor."

Consider these changes in every day meals to bring on the sun.

Though snow is still making a mockery of the start of spring months, taste buds can break free of winter and move on to bigger and better things—like the start of warmer weather and dreams of what is to come. Summer vacation, anyone?

Bring on the bubbly

Consider adding a cold lemon-lime soda to virtually any and all preferred beverages for a light twist. Fruit juices and variations of flavored drinks, such as Kool-Aid, are a great companion for a citrus packed and fizzy drink.

Lighten up!

Begin to steer away from heavy sauces and gravies. Instead, focus on lighter variations, such as garlic butter on pasta, or a light cream sauce. Potatoes and stews are another easy way to stay anchored in wintry months. Rather than eating mashed potatoes, try thinly sliced fried potatoes, hash-browns or a potato salad to satisfy the desire for starchy vegetables. Rather than a thick, heavy stew, try a light vegetable beef soup, or another form of soup with a broth base, rather than a cream base. If adventure is knocking at the door, try gazpacho; a chilled tomato and vegetable soup. As a has-been skeptic, this food is one that is often not truly appreciated until it is experienced for itself.

Cool it!

Desserts don't seem to have as many winter varieties as other forms of food do. However, to further the spring palate, try freezing chocolate based goodies such as peanut butter cups, bananas dipped in chocolate or even puppy chow. For a healthier choice, freeze grapes and cubed melon chunks and berries for a fun twist. These can also be used as a very artful and impressive way to cool drinks. Simply use as ice cubes in flavored drinks or clear beverages (lemon-lime soda, water, or club soda are most recommended to avoid unfavorable taste pairings), and eat when thawed.

Cookies topped with ice cream are a delightful treat that is sure to satisfy any sweet tooth.

Explore the freezer and chilled desserts, rather than those that come hot from the oven. Though both may be equally satisfying, it's amazing what a little chill can do for flavor, texture and the psychological escape from winter.

Healthy body, sound mind

Ashley Smolen
Food Columnist

It comes as no surprise that college students, generally speaking, are not at the pinnacle of health. Does it really matter? After all, these are supposed to be the carefree years of living life and throwing caution to the wind.

The reality of the situation, however, is quite the opposite. The diet most college students have today leaves much to be desired, not only now, but also for the future.

College students today could be setting themselves up for a future laden with health problems and complications, suggests an article by Leslie Ziober of The Daily Reveille. Being that so many college students literally live off of highly processed foods and sodium intake is skyrocketing, thus bringing blood pressure very near to high and potentially dangerous levels.

The human body absorbs virtually all of the sodium a person consumes. According to Ziober's article, foods with less than 140 milligrams are considered to be low sodium foods. Fruits and vegetables, however, help combat this problem, as well as a variety of others.

Processed foods are not the only items causing problems. Extra calories are easily found in a student's diet.

Boredom, stress, and inconsistent eating patterns are all scenarios that may lead to overeating and excessive snacking. An article on www.kidshealth.org states that the average college student may consume up to 174 extra calories daily.

This doesn't seem like a lot—after all, most bottles of pop or juice contain just as much, if not more. In the long run, those few extra calories add up, and quite quickly. The simple modification of eliminating one sugary beverage or snack from one's diet per day is enough to make a difference in the way one feels and performs physically.

Upon arriving at college, students are left with their own desires and nothing but their mother's voice at the back of their heads saying, "eat your vegetables!" That little voice is so often ignored.

College students are quite able to make decisions about what they want to eat, without anyone reminding them about what they should eat.

It's not surprising that vegetables are actually good for a person's well being. The fact of the matter is, reminds kidshealth.org,

is that "almost 70% of students get fewer than the recommended five servings of fruits and vegetables each day." This statistic doesn't bode well for the well-being of a college student.

This all being said, health is not only about diet. It's also about lifestyle. The facets that create a healthy individual are endless. Exercise is so vitally important for physical well being. Relationships are crucial for that of the spiritual self.

All too often, it seems as though one area of health is failing, and when one is compromised, the others are soon to follow. Despite this, however, hope for a healthier self is always present.

Simple changes often times make a world of difference. For those students looking to improve the way they eat and feel but also in need of a bit of guidance, the book "The Dorm Room Diet" by Daphne Oz is highly recommended. This nifty handbook focuses on very easy and free ways college students may reform their diets and lifestyle, thus bringing about a happier and healthier self.

Best of all, the suggestions are presented in a non-accusatory, non-nagging manner so that an individual doesn't feel attacked for needing a few improvements.

For example, chapter two has a list of three easy steps one can follow to begin healthy eating.

1. Drink a glass (or two) of water before a meal.

2. Try not to eat when distracted—

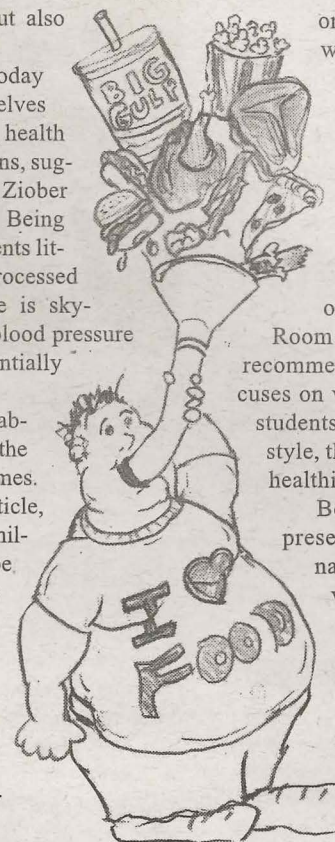
the food consumed in these instances is most likely processed "junk" that won't keep a person full. One's goal should be awareness of what one is eating.

3. Try not to eat less than two hours before bed. This will guarantee a better night's sleep. Eating before bed causes the digestive process to be in "high gear," causing lighter sleep and no time to burn off excess calories.

Lifestyle and spiritual changes are also interspersed throughout the text. Though reading can be monotonous, this book provides a very energetic and stimulating view of how easy healthy living can be.

The message of the aforementioned is simple: though generally needing some lifestyle and dietary changes, students are not far away from achieving a healthy status. Willpower and ambition go a long way in the quest for a healthy life.

As students prepare themselves for the future educationally, perhaps now is also the time to start preparing lifestyle-wise as well.



Drew Retherford/Stoutonia

How hard can your turtles trample you?

Matt Houdek
Entertainment Writer

Trampled By Turtles (TBT) is not a bluegrass band. They are not a rock band or a punk band. One could never call them an old-time band, and with songs that come in at five minutes or less, one certainly couldn't classify them as a jam-band. It seems that their name is as ambiguous as their sound, a fact that this reporter confirmed once again on Saturday, March 3 in Eau Claire, Wis. at The Stones Throw.

With the high-energy, foot-stomping, pseudo-mosh pit inducing nature of their shows, it is amazing that the guys from TBT are able to keep seated for the duration of their time on stage. The Duluth, Minn. quartet consists of Dave Simonett on vocals and guitar, Erik Berry on mandolin and vocals, Tim Saxhaug on bass and vocals and Dave Carroll on banjo and vocals. They have been rocking summer festivals, blazing through full-scale countrywide tours (performing at prestigious venues as San Francisco's Great American Music Hall and New York City's Bowery Ballroom), and kicking serious ass in the Midwest for the past few years.

Having just released their third studio album, Trouble, it seems that TBT is quickly on their way to the top. I had the opportunity to catch up with Erik Berry on Thursday, March 1, to talk about their latest release, summer tour plans and about their spot at this year's 10,000 Lakes Festival.

MH: Your new album, *Trouble*, is noticeably different than your two previous studio efforts in that you incorporate both electric guitars as well as drums. What exactly were you trying to accomplish with that, what were your goals?

EB: When we put the band together, we didn't really say what we were going to do or what we weren't going to do or anything like that. We just wanted to play acoustic music in a living room. I think Dave Simonette writes great songs and that material has really allowed us to go beyond just musicians hanging out in a living room.

MH: So were there particular songs on *Trouble* that were written with these different instruments in mind?

EB: Well, it's not like Dave has always just wanted to write songs for the acoustic setting. We don't think of ourselves as a bluegrass band, so when looking at the new tunes, we were like, this one could use something that we don't usually play. I mean, there's really no reason not to just at least check it out. A lot of it was just really a lot of fun, like the electric guitar on the title track, "Trouble."

I played that. I got to play a wonderful vintage telecaster through these Marshall amps and I've never got to do that. It's like 'Wooong!' holding on a chord and yet being able to mix it in there so that it's not all that you notice, but without it the song wouldn't be as powerful.



Source: www.trampledbyturtles.com

Trampled by Turtles is a local band that transcends the bluegrass genre. The band, which continues to grow in popularity, sat down and gave a face-to-face interview.

We just decided to make a record where we were going to experiment because we all play other instruments and we all listen to other types of music.

I think as a song writer, Dave draws his inspiration from other sources other than bluegrass and I think a part of it was that we just wanted to make a record that was really different from our live shows.

MH: Dave obviously draws a lot of that inspiration from rock n' roll, and it might even be said that you guys are more of a rock outfit than you are a bluegrass one. Were there any songs where he had the rock n' roll idea in his mind when he presented them to you, or was that really just a product of experimentation and group democracy?

EB: Oh yeah, definitely. "Who's Calling" for example, that would be the exception to the experimentation thing, Dave was like, I've

written the song, it's a rock song, gotta be a rock song, but you're my band, kind of saying that, he'd rather have us play it then put together another project. I think that's where Dave is coming from as the song writer, and the song is central to everything, but he always has our group in mind.

MH: You were talking about how you started off being just a bunch of guys playing music in a living room. Is that the kind of feeling that you're trying to bring to your shows by always sitting down on stage when you play?

EB: A lot of it is just when we first started out, a couple folks just weren't comfortable standing and playing their instruments, I actually had to learn to sit down with them so that we all had the same eye contact. What that's done for me personally is that, on a real good night I feel like it is a really loud living room, like it really is just that chilled out.

MH: Yeah, I know where you're coming from, when I see you guys it always feels really laid-back and intimate and yet, it has the rock n' roll intensity that seems to define you guys as Trampled by Turtles. I think that's probably one of your big-selling points, that's what makes you guys so unique.

EB: Yeah, definitely.

MH: Kind of another direction here, you guys are playing 10,000 Lakes Festival again this summer I noticed, which is always a big

deal, but what else do you have planned with regards to touring or other festivals for the summer?

EB: We just got back from out west and we're going to be going back out to those places in June, I believe. Also, we've got a run out to California in May and we'll hit up Colorado on the way out and back where we've done very well and have been received very openly as we've been out there about a half a dozen times. We've been out to Washington and Northern California a couple of times and we just really like that part of the country.

It's not that we're choosing to play there over other parts of the country so much as it's easier for us to be focusing on those areas at this point.

MH: Compared to the East coast, for example, do you feel you're more received out in those regions, or rather, do you feel more welcome at your own shows out there?

EB: Yeah, at this point at least, but we just haven't been out east enough and it would really be an unfair comparison.

We can't say that they like us better in Colorado or Washington than they do in Ohio, that just wouldn't be fair, as we haven't been to Ohio enough. We've never been to the Southeast, we've been to Texas twice but we've never really "done" Texas, never really played the Southwest, there's a lot of places in the country that we haven't been and for better or for worse right now, we're just focusing on going back to the places that we have been as to kind of build them up.

MH: I caught you guys at 10,000 Lakes last year and you guys were just ripping, the place was packed and it looked as though you guys were having just a great time. Based on last year's experience, do you think that's probably what you look forward to the most in the coming summer?

EB: Well, yeah, I mean, it's a wonderful festival and it's happening right in Minnesota, our own backyard really, and for me personally, my fiancé is from Detroit Lakes and I'm able to go home, visit the family, we'll have our baby by then, and we're really just kind of looking forward to that as baby's first big festival experience.

We're a little apprehensive this year as we're not part of the pre-part festivities anymore, as we're now, as far as we know, playing on Friday night... and I probably should add that I can't say why that might change, but it might change because of another band that I can't... I'll just say that we were asked if we were ok with moving to Thursday if something did happen, but it hasn't happened yet, so as for right now we'll be on Friday night.

But we're also like, oh, is Bob Weir (with Ratdog, formerly of the Grateful Dead), going to be playing across the way on the main stage, is that what we have to go up against, because all of those big stages will be open and rocking, which they weren't when we played Wednesday night last year for the pre-party to the weekend.

MH: There's such an exciting thing going on with bluegrass and newgrass and slamgrass and jamgrass and rockgrass that I'm sure you guys would be able to pull a crowd no matter who you are up against.

EB: Yeah, it's almost getting silly, it's almost like people have finally discovered that the banjo and the mandolin are great instruments that you can play all kinds of music on and there are so many other people who are like, well its kind of bluegrass isn't it so it must be sort of a reggae-grass, I mean, are you guys just a reggae band with a mandolin player?

Family Groove Company | Jazzy jam band continues to redefine its sound

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With their second visit to Menomonie's own Waterfront Bar & Grill on Friday, March 2, the Chicago based Family Groove Company (FGC), drew a large crowd out on such a frigid night to soak up the rich, warm grooves.

Self-described as "groove informed jazz/rock," FGC blends tight, clean compositions with rich, thick grooves and simple, infectious funk. Although defined as a jam band, FGC creates a music all of their own that is uncannily fresh, intelligent, and jazzy.

The four members of FGC, Adam Lewis on guitar and vocals, Janis Wallin on bass and vocals, Jordan Wilkow on keys and lead vocals and Mattias Blanck on drums and vocals, are very approachable and sincere people, untouched by the rock star egos that poison (or inflate), the image of a band. I had the chance to catch up with Jordan of FGC and ask him a few questions over email, discussing life on the road, the present day jam band scene, and their new album.

MH: You guys have been working really hard lately touring throughout the Midwest and there's a good buzz going on about you both online and on the scene itself. I noticed that you've announced both Summer Camp and Dogstock for this summer, but what else can we look forward to with regards to your summer schedule?

Jordan: We're really excited about the summer we've got lined up for FGC this year, though I'm afraid I don't have all that many details I can share at the moment. One of the projects we're most excited about is the Strip Mines Music Festival, which is going down in Sheffield, Ill. over Labor Day weekend.

It's a mid-sized festival in its second year, and FGC will be playing two nights and essentially hosting the weekend's festivities (hopefully for many years to come). I can't get into details about the rest of the line up, but it's shaping up to be just killer. The land on which the festival is being held is absolutely beautiful and I really believe that we're putting together a very special event.

I know that we expect to headline a number of smaller festivals in June, July and August, as well as appear at several larger ones in addition to Summer Camp and Dogstock. We definitely plan to do another swing through the South, and will of course be doing several loops through the Midwest. I'm sure we'll be making some big summer announcements soon.

MH: In your most recent release, The Charmer, a lot of the songs come in at just about five minutes. Do you think there's a pressure to conform to a shorter song format in your live shows since that release, or do you guys (and lady) still try to allow improvisation to take your grooves where it will?

Jordan: I don't think we feel that The Charmer has put any pressure on us to artificially restrict the length of the tunes as we perform them live. Compositionally speaking I think the effort to make a succinct statement with a relatively short song, that isn't wanting for richness and content, is a worthwhile pursuit.

And of course I think that grander, epic ideas communicated on a larger scale also have their place. The key, I think, is to be conscientious about ensuring that the compositional choices we make are thoughtful ones. That if someone were to ask, "why did you add insert this section?" We've got an answer that satisfies us, if not the person asking the question.

One of the many blessings of performing in this "jamband" scene of ours, is that we don't often find ourselves feeling compelled by top 40 commercial radio formats to make certain artistic choices. ("Why does the chorus come in after only 16 bars?" "Well, we gotta get to the hook before they change the channel!")

But the fact that 21 minute sagas are tolerated in this scene, doesn't mean that indulging in them is always the best choice. So we try to be vigilant...we don't like making choices just out of habit, settling on the first arrangement that occurs to us, that kind of thing.

MH: In your New Groove of the Month interview with jambands.com's John Patrick Gatta back in December, you were talking about approaching the typical pop-song format (verse-chorus-verse-chorus-bridge-verse-chorus), from a new creative perspective. How has that been coming along and how do you feel it has been affecting your playing and writing as of late?

Jordan: In that part of the interview with John, I was comparing the material on Reachin' (our first album) to that on The Charmer, and I was saying that for many of the songs on the latter, we were having fun trying to be creative within that fairly strict pop-song arrangement.

I'm really proud of the writing that came out of that...I think it yielded some really creative, succinctly put ideas that were harmonically, melodically, or rhythmically ambitious, without losing sight of the overall shape and direction of the song. The guitar solo in the title track is a good example.

The last four bars of each verse in "Virginia Hill" is another. There's some good stuff in "I Can't Tell You," "Bird'n'Diz," and "Sabrina Waits" that also comes to mind.

More recently I've been relaxing my adherence to more traditional song arrangements somewhat, and trying to blend the two ideas a bit, taking cues from both traditional song arranging, and a more irreverent approach. That's really been a lot of fun, and I'm very excited about the five or so most recent additions to our repertoire.

MH: Does it put limitations on 'the groove,' or do you feel the construct allows you to expand to new places, new heights?

Jordan: As for our "groove" and rhythm section ideas, there are definitely places where they have to be negotiated around what we want to do compositionally.

In James Brown music for example, where it's basically all about the groove, there's a reason why the songs are almost

always a one-chord "A" section, that goes to a one-chord bridge, and then back to the A section...the groove is the focus, and the very simple harmony takes a back seat. But I would use the word "challenges" instead of "limitations" - we give ourselves a framework, and challenge ourselves to be creative within it.

Sometimes we succeed, and sometimes we don't.

MH: Although many groups claim their roots to be in jazz, rock and funk, it seems that you are carving out your own little niche in the jamband scene as a seriously funky, jazz/rock unit.

Did you always try to appeal to the college-aged crowd because it seems as though your sound might appeal to jazz advocates or public radio deejays as it isn't necessarily in sync with the other groups that are spearheading the post-jam band (Greenhaus) movement?

Jordan: Well, I certainly hope people that are fans of jazz in general would like what we do. I listen to and enjoy a great deal of jazz and I like what we do. I think the purist answer (try not to roll your eyes, though I'll understand if you can't help it), has to be that, we write what's in our hearts and minds, and whoever it happens to appeal to, that's great. But I do think that's a little naïve.

Great artists definitely lead their audience to their sound, and not the other way

around, but this is a performance medium and we're not sharing our musical ideas in a vacuum. When an audience responds (or doesn't respond), that information gets filed away consciously or unconsciously, and I'm sure it plays a role in future artistic output. One of the real thrills in debuting new material is seeing if an audience responds as you envisioned (which can be very gratifying) or in a totally unexpected way (which can be both terrifying and exhilarating).

We play for a lot of college-aged crowds, and I think that has influenced our writing over the last couple years, but I'm still pretty committed to that "purist" answer. The four of us have a lot of jazz in our backgrounds and I think that's reflected in our sound.

We all share an honest love of that music, and so certainly I like to think that many others who love jazz music will also see something in us that they like. To the extent that that helps distinguish FGC from other bands that are part of this "post-jamband" movement, well we certainly embrace that. I agree that "jazz" is definitely a word that is casually thrown around quite a bit in this scene...I appreciate your affirmation of our use of it!

As for the "rock" and "funk" well...there's no way we're a "jazz" band, there's no way we're a "funk" band and I really don't think we're a "rock" band either. But our rhythm section ideas tend to reflect funk and rock 'n' roll grooves. Our compositional ideas tend to reflect jazz and pop-rock harmony and arranging. The love for each of these stylistic ingredients that exists in all four of us is genuine and the blend of ideas that has come out of us has just been natural.

MH: Last question: one of the shirts that I've been seeing being worn around Menomonie from your two visits to the Waterfront poses the question, "What Would Janis Do?" So Janis, I have to ask, exactly what would you do?

Janis: That's a good question! I get asked that multiple times per night while manning FGC's merchandise table, and my stock saleswoman answer has been, "I would buy a shirt!" I'm actually a rather shy person, so having a shirt with my name and image plastered on it is a bit of a departure from my personality. But our fans started yelling out "What would Janis do?" at our shows, and we got the idea to make it into a shirt.

Our first run sold out in just a couple weeks, and it's been a very popular seller ever since. It makes me feel great to hear that they are being worn around town!

For more information on Family Groove Company or to see where they play next, go to www.familygrooveco.com and take a look around. Hopefully they'll be kind enough to come back and visit us in Menomonie again sometime in the near future.

300 half-naked burly men do battle yawn! so what else is new?

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"300," directed by Zach Snyder, is based on Frank Miller's graphic novel. It is a fiction account of the Battle of Thermopylae that took place in 480 B.C., where the King of Sparta led an army of 300 of his finest men against the advancing Persians. The Greek army was vastly outnumbered but managed to hold back an advancing army of well over 100,000 Spartans led by King Xerxes. The famous battle lasted three days and was said to have inspired Greece to band together against the Persians, ushering in the world's first democracy. The movie "300" casts Gerard Butler as King Leonidas and Rodrigo Santoro as Emperor Xerxes.

K: Well, might as well get this out of the way. The acting. The voiceover narration (by the guy who played Faramir in Lord of the Rings) was handled nicely, in keeping with the flavor of Frank Miller's storytelling. Aside from some cool, almost iconic moments, the acting was way too over the top.

A: OK, first off, from a female perspective let's just say that then men in this movie were smokin' hot! I don't know how long and hard the guys had to work to get their perfect bodies, but it sure looked good. Though I didn't enjoy "Sin City," I did enjoy this movie. I heard from a friend that the reason



Source: www.rottentomatoes.com

Graphic novel-turned-movie is not historically accurate but still very entertaining.

in which the exaggeration took place in acting and visuals was to illustrate a tall tale being told.

K: The exaggeration would have worked if this had been a conscious decision to illustrate oral tradition, but in any case I think it had more to do with trying to capture the feel of Miller's graphic novel. For all the sticklers for historical detail in the room, the intent of the movie wasn't to tell a historically accurate story. Still, I think the movie would have been stronger if it had. What do you think of the homoerotic undertones of the movie?

A: Homoerotic? Do we as people of the 21st century truly know what they really wore? They could have been naked, and just had armor to wear during battle. As for the CGI: with any movie there are obvious standouts. But, I do have to say that I think I would

rather see computer animated blood that I know is fake shoot out of someone's neck, rather than what I could categorize as real. The CGI animals are phenomenal. Why must the Oracle sacrifice young women to freaky looking old men, to be drunk and high all the time to give fake advice to Kings? And the nipples and see-through apparel were a bit too much. Although, I am sure guys liked it.

K: I'm all for equal opportunity nudity in films, but the nipple shots got to be overkill. The story itself was weak, mostly due to pacing and editing. The thing just seemed to drag on—the first time you see a slow motion stabbing followed by a rapid beheading is cool. The second time you wonder why they're repeating themselves. The third and following times you start checking your watch. For a movie that's

supposed to be one giant fight scene, it got repetitious and dull pretty quickly.

A: I agree, the fight scenes were a bit much, too much of the same thing over and over and over again, if you get my drift. You see the same thing so many times, you just want to jump in the movie and try it yourself, to see what so good about it that they would continue to do it so many times. How about that Xerxes?

K: Gee, I had no idea the Persian emperor and self-proclaimed deity was a nine-foot tall giant with weird body piercings. That's Frank Miller imagery for you. Overall, I had high hopes for the movie, as did any fan of "Sin City." I expected a lot of things from "300," I guess I just didn't expect it to be a mediocre, shallow, eye-candy gorefest. Plenty about the movie was cool and I did leave the theater feeling like killing some ancient Persians, but I'm finding there's little about the movie to actually sit down and discuss. In the end, all you have is a lot of noise, visual and otherwise.

A: Not knowing most of Frank Miller's work, and not liking "Sin City," I have to say overall I enjoyed this movie. It did get repetitive, but "300" had its moments, as does any movie. I went in with very low hopes, the trailer didn't look good but it made me want to see the movie, and I came out with a greater liking for the movie than I had planned to. I would recommend this movie for anyone who wants to see a bunch of mostly naked, ripped men or a movie that is one complete fight scene. You should see it!



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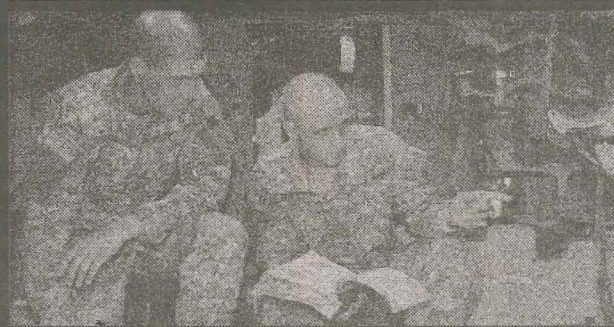
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A unique sport close to home for UW-Stout students

By Casey Nold
Sports Editor

I don't know a lot about curling and I don't know anyone who does, but I do know that Cam Delaney, a junior studying hotel and tourism management at the University of Wisconsin-Stout was born into a world of curling.

For those of us who know little to nothing about the sport here is a quick lesson.

A curling team consists of four members, sometimes five if the team has an alternate player. When two teams compete each team throws eight granite stones at no more than 44 pounds. The teams have 146 feet of ice to guide their stones into a 12-foot bulls eye.

The five positions on a curling team include the Lead, who starts the game by throwing the first set of two stones, alternating with their opponent and then sweeps. Sweeping is done by two team members with every stone thrown and is basically a special broom used to sweep the ice quickly in front of the stone and results in a layer of water on the ice which guides the stone to a specific spot or makes it go further down the ice. The Second, throws the second two stones also alternating with their opponent and then sweeps. The third position on the team is appropriately called the Third, or vice skip. The Third is the player who delivers the third set

of two stones alternating with the opponents third, helps the skip make strategy decisions and sweeps for the first two throwers. The last position is known as the skip. The skip is the team member who throws the last set of two stones, holds a broom for a target when the other throwers throw and determines the strategy for the game.

Some teams that consist of five members have an alternate player. The alternate is someone who can substitute if another player is injured.

Strategy is the most important part of curling. Throughout the game the skip is challenged with predicting ice conditions, determining the amount of curl for every stone thrown and calling the shots for the team.

Cam Delaney was born in La Crosse, Wis. and resides in Trempealeau, Wis. Del-

aney started curling in 1992 at age 7 and is in his fifteenth year of curling.

"My family is full of curlers," said Delaney. "My mom, dad, aunt, and sister all curl."

Laura Delaney, Cam's sister, has been to many national competitions and went to Junior Worlds once where she was named the all world skip and received the sportsmanship award. "Worlds" is the world competition for curling and Junior Worlds is a world competition for the age group 12-21.

Lynita Delaney, Cam's mom, runs the junior program in Centerville, which is the biggest in the nation. She was named the developmental coach of the year last year and she is also Team Centerville's (Cam's team) coach.

"I have been to Junior Nationals three times and gotten silver twice," said Delaney. "It was so good to make it that far, we were so proud."

Delaney and another teammate of his from Team Centerville, Casey Konopacky, who is also a UW-Stout Student have reached the age of 21 and

are no longer eligible to participate at the junior level.

While the advantage of aging out of juniors is the chance to participate at the world competition, it had its downfall for the team. Since three members are still in the age group of junior competitions, the team won't be able to compete together.

"Two of us aged out for juniors," said Delaney. "It's just a fact of the sport but it kind of sucks when you form a team and then that happens, but in two years they will age out of juniors so we could get back together if that is what we all want."

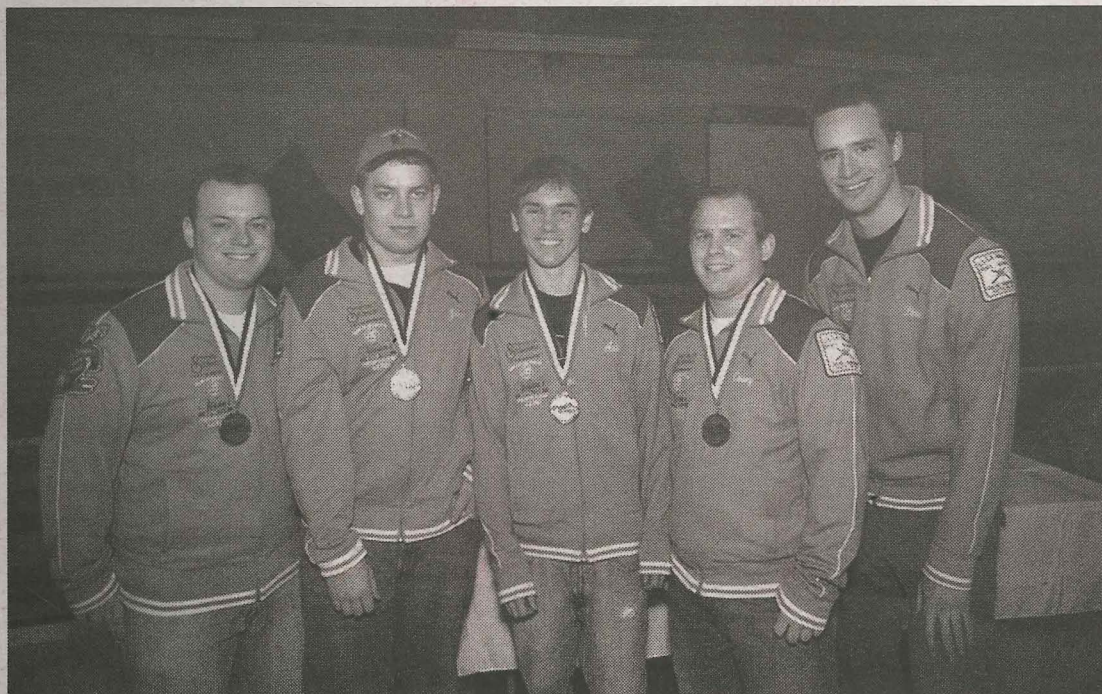
Over spring break Delaney and three friends went to Chicago to compete in the College Nationals and won. Since Delaney didn't go with his regular team it was more of a social event and practice for him.

In 2005 Delaney and his team traveled to Bismarck, N.D. to compete in the Junior Nationals where they earned the Curtis Cup, a sportsmanship award.

Their latest trip to Junior Nationals which was this year, Delaney earned the all-star skip award and the teams second, Ash Nelson from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse earned the all-star second award.

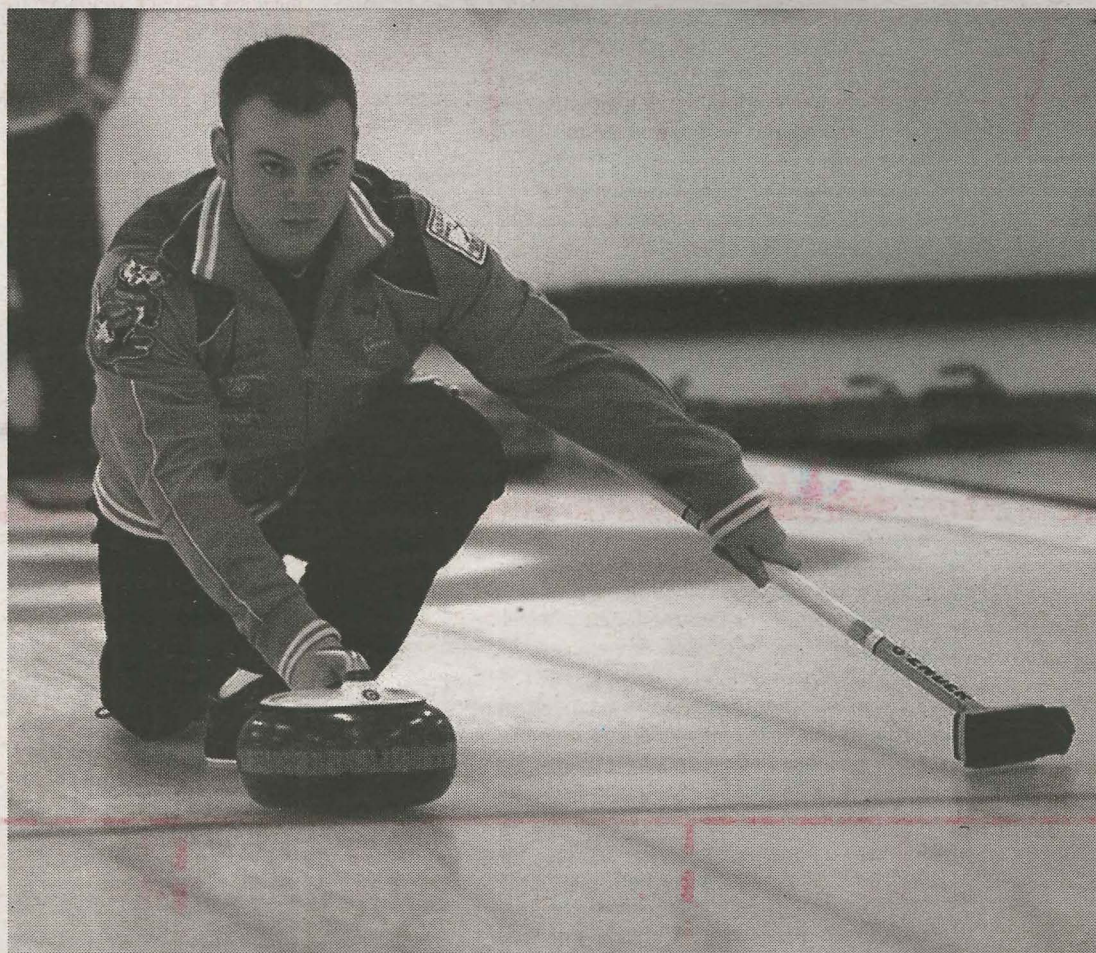
Team Centerville is made up of five members: Cam Delaney and Casey Konopacky both from UW-Stout, John Lilla UW-River Falls, Ash Nelson, UW-La Crosse and Peter Conrardy, Marquette.

"There is no curling club here, but we do participate in leagues in Eau Claire and practice there," said Delaney. "The ice is gone for this year now but will come back in late November."



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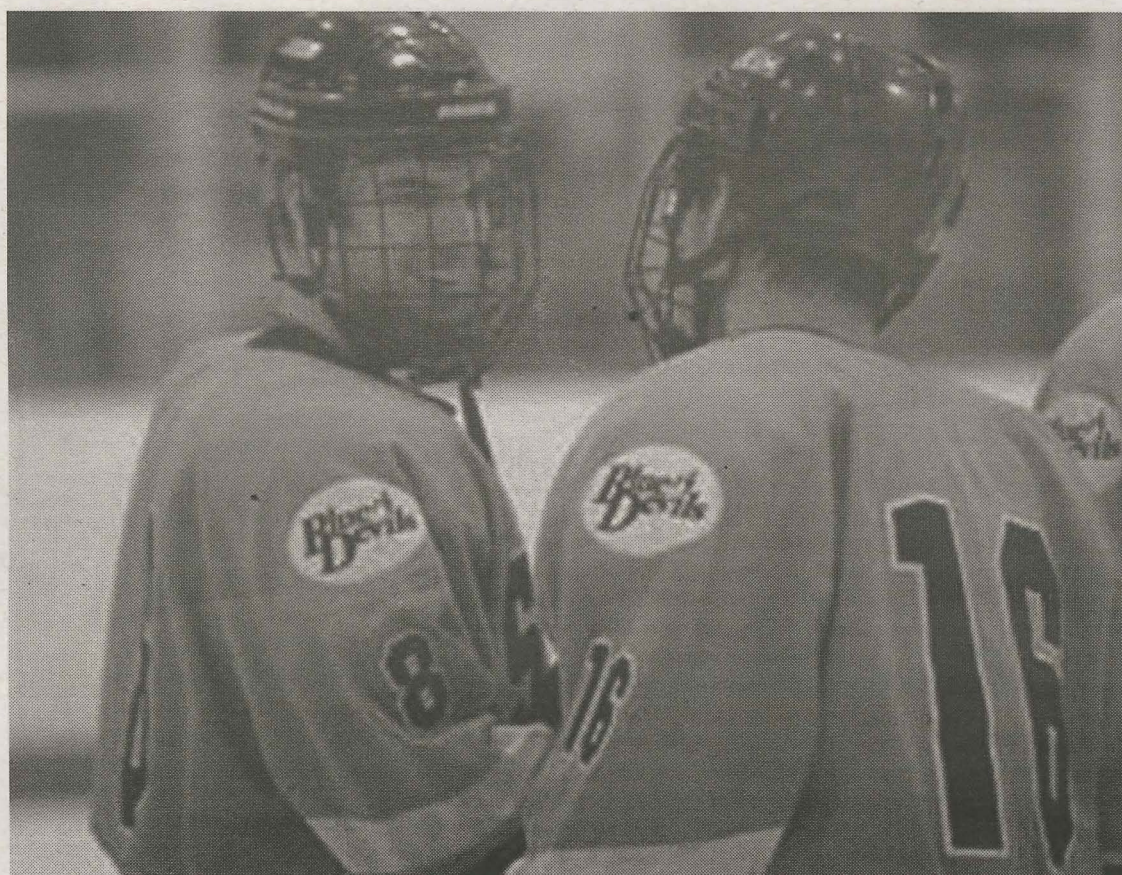
From left to right: Cam Delaney, John Lilla, Ash Nelson, Casey Konopacky and Peter Conrardy. These college students from around Wisconsin are part of a sport we seldom get a chance to cover: curling.



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Cam Delaney celebrates two silver medals won at curling nationals, a sportsmanship award and the all-star skip award in his long, but growing curling career.

A look back on hockey season reveals much more than wins and losses



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This season saw major changes and achievements in the hockey program at UW-Stout. The team will lose seven seniors, but hopes to continue what has been created this year.

By Josh Parshley
Sports Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout hockey team had a phenomenal season. While the team's season was unexpectedly cut short, they had more than enough reasons to keep their heads held high. Throughout the year, the team accomplished great achievements, broke school records and had some fun while doing it.

"I don't know if I can really narrow the season down to one greatest achievement," said junior goalie Mike Stone, a graphic communication management major.

He mentions that the new positive recognition towards the team from fans, players and coaches this year is one of the best achievements. He said that everyone now real-

izes how much of a threat this program can be and the team is no longer seen as a joke in the league.

"I think the greatest achievement of our team this season, was just that, becoming a team," said senior defenseman Brett Garczynski, a service management major. "We all got along and had fun together." He compared this team to others he has been on and describes how no one had to fake it. Everyone was a part of this team and everyone worked together as a whole.

Even with all the achievements the team had personally amongst themselves, they surely will not forget the more obvious ones. The team showed fans one great season, game after game. They broke records, they constantly were on fire and they showed us high spirits. In return, the fans reacted back which helped the team even more. Stone recalled a moment at a University of Wisconsin-River Falls game, where the team saw crowds of fans tailgating. He remembers how a couple years ago, the stands were a little empty, but not this year.

"The team broke twenty school records this year," said coach Terry Watkins. This was the first year the team took first in the NCHA, even though they shared the title with St. Norbert and the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. The team also broke the school record for most wins in the regular season, ending with 19 victories. Coach

Watkins was also honored by being named coach of the year. However, he was not the only one to be honored on the team.

"We had seven players honored this season on the All-NCHA team," said coach Watkins. The seven players named to the All-NCHA team were: senior Andrew Stearns, senior Andy Wiesner, sophomore Jack Wolgemuth, junior Mike Stone, freshman Scott Motz, senior BJ Garczynski and freshmen Bobby Kuehl. On top of that, UW-Stout led the NCHA in the amount of players named to the All-NCHA Academic team, locking in nine spots. On top of that, just recently, Stone received the All-American team honors, which is decided by the American Hockey Coaches Association.

The team believes that they will continue to improve next year. While the seniors on the team will be leaving, their presence will still be felt. The seniors have left the rest of the team in good shape, making sure the entire team will be even more prepared next year. Stone mentions how his senior teammates are irreplaceable in his book, but because of them, the team will be better next year.

With all of the achievements this past season, the team was caught off guard when they heard the dreadful news. When the NCAA committee gathered to decide what teams were going to get NCAA tournament berths, there was an unexpected dispute. The UW-Stout team and the University of Wisconsin-Superior team were up in the air, only one would move on. However, the committee ended up not being able to decide and took another team from another conference. This decision devastated the UW-Stout players and coaches. The statistics were there, showing UW-Stout was by far the deserving team.

"It just goes to show, there are zero guarantees in life," said Garczynski. "Chalk this one up to a life lesson and try to move on. Nothing can take away the moments we have had as a team."

While the team received a big black-eye concerning their playoff berth, they kept their heads held high. The team received the news from Steve Terry, the Athletics Director, personally during a practice session. The team went on to finish the session, displaying their dedication and tough spirits.

It has been quite an exciting year for all the fans watching the hockey team. Only time can tell what will be in store for next year. From what it sounds like, fans should expect another amazing year, but maybe, it might even be greater. The next season can't start soon enough.

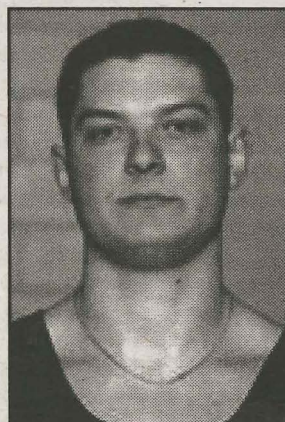


Ryan Kowski

Weight thrower for the men's track and field team, Ryan Kowski is the UW-Stout outstanding athlete.

Originally from Stevens Point, Wis., Ryan is a senior studying technology education.

He came up 2.75 inches short of his school record with a toss of 57 feet 9 inches to earn seventh at the 2007 NCAA Division III indoor track and field championships. This was enough for the All-American Status. Kowski had made three national appearances, but this was his first indoor appearance. Last year Kowski earned All-American honors in the outdoor discus competition. At the March 9th competition in Terre Haute, Ind., Kowski had his best series of weight throws in his time at UW-Stout.



Blue Devil SCOREBOARD



Blue Devil Baseball

4-4 The baseball team suffered two close losses in their travel to Joplin, Mo. over spring break. UW-Stout had a 13-6 lead against DIII Missouri Southern through the top of the seventh, but Missouri came back to score four runs in the seventh inning and three in the eighth to pull off a 14-13 defeat.
Next game: Friday, March 23 against Concordia-Moorhead.



Gymnastics

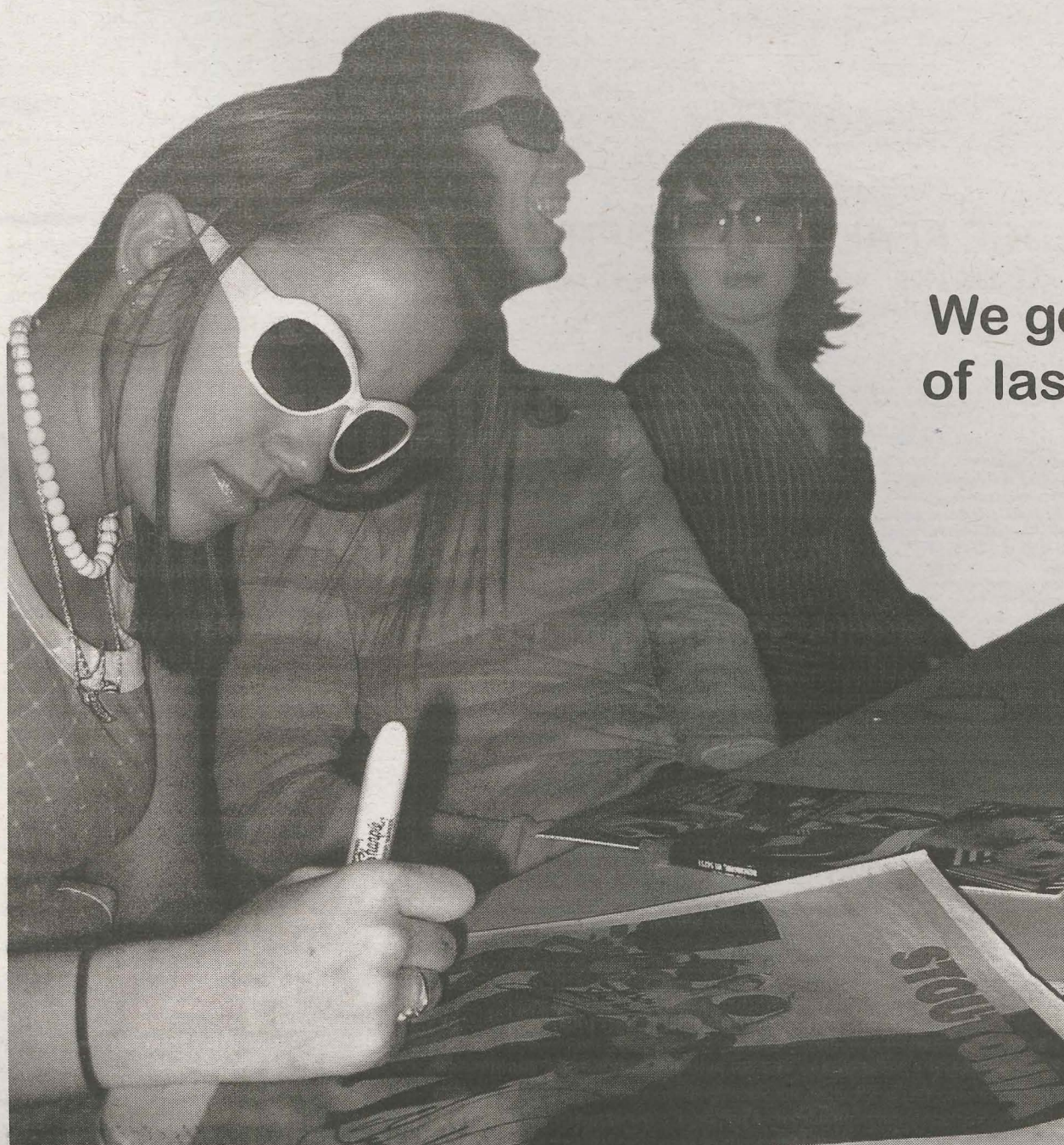
The gymnastics team took eighth place of eight teams at the WIAC championships/West Regional before break. UW-La Crosse placed first at the event. Meghan Hargens placed third in the all-around and Ashley Timm placed eighth in the same event. Both Hargens and Timm qualified for the NCGA Championships.
Next Game: March 23-24 NCGA Championships.



Blue Devil Softball

5-5 The softball team opened their season with a 6-1 loss to Indiana Wesleyan in the first day of the Rebel Spring games in Florida. The team turned around and redeemed themselves in a 6-4 win over Husson, Maine, College to end their double header even.
Next Game: March 24-25 at the Coe College Tournament.

Baseball losses close game to Missouri Southern | Softball evens score at Rebel Spring games | Hargens, Timm qualify for NCGA championships



We got our signed copy of last week's Stoutonia ...did you?

Last week's cover of The Stoutonia featured three members of The Rainbows, a team of art students challenging the entire Blue Devil basketball program to a 24-hour basketball marathon for charity. The story detailing their challenge ran in the Sports section of that issue under the title, "Sculpture Class Issues Challenge to Blue Devils for Charity." (The story can also be found on our Web site, www.stoutonia.com.)

On the Monday after that issue hit stands, the three Rainbows (pictured at left) held an autograph session outside the Pawn in the Memorial Student Center. Free signed copies of that issue of The Stoutonia were given to all who stopped by.

In response to the Rainbows' challenge...

Women's basketball coach Mark Thomas and men's coach Eddie Andrist have heard the challenge, and are in favor of supporting charity 100%.

After speaking with the coaches, a definite answer cannot be reached at this moment. Due to legal considerations, the coaches' acceptance of the Rainbows' challenge will be postponed, if only for a short time.

Check out www.stoutonia.com for further updates (you can also weigh in on our message boards).



Tony Mejia, a staff writer has chosen 11 of the 16 teams still

The games start tomorrow and will reveal who will go on to the Elite eight.



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1	421 Wilson Avenue #3	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat, WSG, hot water, parking, efficiency	6	5	2	121 13th Avenue West	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,200	\$240	large, super location. Washer/dryer	D
2	115 Main Street West	\$380	\$190	\$500	\$250	Close to campus and downtown	3	6	2	1402 8th Street**	\$700	\$117	\$900	\$150	washer/dryer gas heat good layout	H
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2	2121 5th Street #A	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Inc. WSG, washer dryer	4	6	2	1603 7th Street	\$900	\$150	\$1,100	\$183	washer/dryer new carpet, very nice	H
2	2121 5th Street #B	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Inc. WSG, washer dryer	4	6	2	1415 1/2 8th Street	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,480	\$247	fabulous newer construction washer/dryer	D
2	619 1/2 13th Avenue	\$460	\$230	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat WSG hot water, excellent location	4	6	2	321 20th Avenue #C	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,445	\$241	new large bedrooms, washer/dryer	4
2	620 1/2 9th Avenue	\$480	\$240	\$640	\$320	close to campus, large nice rooms	3	6	2	115 17th Avenue West	\$1,100	\$183	\$1,300	\$217	house, location, washer/dryer Parking	D
2	635 Northern Meadows	\$620	\$310	n/a	n/a	Newer unit, washer/dryer, N. menomonie, detached garage	12	6	2	408 18th Avenue East	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,450	\$242	washer/dryer, close to campus,	H
2	650 Northern Meadows	\$620	\$310	n/a	n/a	Newer unit, washer/dryer, N. menomonie, detached garage	12	6	2	921 8th Street	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,450	\$242	washer/dryer, close to campus,	H
3	2215 1/2 5th Street	\$545	\$182	n/a	n/a	spacious, many upgrades, good sized rooms, w/d	D	6	2	1714 8th Street	\$1,100	\$183	\$1,370	\$228	large deck, gas heat, washer/dryer	H
3	2215 5th Street	\$595	\$198	n/a	n/a	spacious, many upgrades, good sized rooms, w/d hookups	D	6	2	115 1/2 17th Avenue West	\$1,100	\$183	\$1,350	\$225	newer unit, great location washer/dryer	D
3	921 Main Street #3	\$600	\$200	\$765	\$255	Good location, parking, economical	4	7	2	220 12th Avenue West	\$1,190	\$170	\$1,415	\$207	Great location, washer/dryer/fenced yard	H
3	414 12th Avenue West	\$600	\$200	\$790	\$263	very large, garage storage	D	7	2	1321 2nd Street West	\$1,365	\$195	\$1,525	\$218	large house, 1 blk. from campus washer/dryer	H
3	414 14th Avenue West	\$600	\$200	\$750	\$250	modern, high eff. Gas heat, W/D a/c	8	7	3	1102 10th Street	\$1,315	\$188	\$1,585	\$226	large house, 2 car garage, parking, nice sized rooms	H
3	321 13th Avenue West	\$600	\$200	\$820	\$273	Close to campus, washer dryer, big living room	H	8	3	121 12th Avenue West	\$1,500	\$188	\$1,950	\$244	1 block from campus! Off street parking, huge house!	D

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Thursday, March 22

- Spring Film Series: Legendary Films of Maya Deren. 7 p.m. Menomonie Public Library.

Friday, March 23

- American Red Cross Wilderness First Aid Certification. Need to be signed up by March 19. Cost: \$75 student, \$100 community. 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Stout Adventures, Sports and Fitness Center

Saturday, March 24

- American Red Cross Wilderness First Aid Certification. Need to be signed up by March 19. Cost: \$75 student, \$100 community. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Stout Adventures, University Recreation Center
- Inter Group Dialogue (short version). 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Ally Center, MSC
- "Empty Bowls." Cost: \$15 for handmade ceramic bowl and soup for lunch, \$5 just lunch. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Menomonie Middle School

Sunday, March 25

- American Red Cross Wilderness First Aid Certification. Need to be signed up by March 19. Cost: \$75 student, \$100 community. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Stout Adventures, University Recreation Center

Tuesday, March 27

- Advisement Day, No Classes.
- Alpha Phi's Annual Cardio Health Dinner. Cost: \$5, \$6 at door. 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Recreation and Leisure Center, Menomonie
- Women's History Month Presentation. 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Room 210, Applied Arts

Wednesday, March 28

- 8th Annual Optimal Health Fair. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Multipurpose Room, Sports and Fitness Center.
- SASsy Seconds Sale. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2nd Floor Lounge, Home Economics

Thursday, March 29

- SASsy Seconds Sale. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2nd Floor Lounge, Home Economics

Saturday, March 31

- Science Olympiad Tournament. 9:20 a.m. to 3 p.m. Awards ceremony at 3:40 p.m. MSC and Jarvis Hall
- PONG's Third Annual April Fools LAN Event. 8 a.m. Great Hall, MSC

Sunday, April 1

- April Fools Day

Tuesday, April 3

- Resume workshop. Noon - 1 p.m. 4th Floor, Library Learning Center

Wednesday, April 4

- How to find a Co-op/Internship workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. 4th Floor, Library Learning Center

Thursday, April 5

- Managing Your Web Presence and Visibility workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. 4th Floor, Library Learning Center

Entertainment

Thursday, March 22

- Blue Devil Productions presents: Black Blondie with Omaur Bliss - music. Cost: Free with Stout ID, \$1 public. 8 p.m. Rec Center, MSC
- Open Mic. 8 p.m. Acoustic Café, Menomonie
- Sassy Magoo - music. Cost: \$5. 9:30 p.m. House of Rock, Eau Claire

- The Northwoods Band - music. 10 p.m. Waterfront Bar and Grill, Menomonie

Friday, March 23

- Blue Devil Productions presents: Idiocracy movie. Cost: Free with Stout ID, \$1 public. 7 p.m. Room 210, Applied Arts
- The Gizmo Guys Comedy Jugglers. Cost: \$10 children, \$14 students and seniors, \$16 adults. 7 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie
- Jim Pullman - music. 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Acoustic Café, Eau Claire
- Polydream, Chris Koza, and Sharp and Harkins music. Cost: \$5. 9 p.m. Stones Throw, Eau Claire
- Bitter, Suidice, and Brian Bethke - music. Cost: \$4. 10 p.m. House of Rock, Eau Claire

Saturday, March 24

- QuinnElizabeth - music. Cost: \$8 students and seniors, \$10 adults. 7 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie
- Vinny Weible - music. 8 p.m. Acoustic Café, Menomonie
- Kjersten - music. 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Acoustic Café, Eau Claire
- Downer's Grove, and Aurasatori - music. Cost: \$3. 9:30 p.m. House of Rock, Eau Claire
- Alter Ego - music. Cost: \$3. 9:30 p.m. Stones Throw, Eau Claire

Monday, March 26

- Out@Stout's Annual Drag Show 2007. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Great Hall, MSC

Tuesday, March 27

- Blue Devil Productions presents: Fast Food Nation - movie. Cost: Free with Stout ID, \$1 public. 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Room 290, Micheels Hall.
- Line Dance Class. Cost: \$5. 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Menomonie Moose Club
- College Hoops 2K7 Xbox 360 Tournament. 7 p.m. Room 7, Lower Level of Sports and Fitness Center

Wednesday, March 28

- Black Women On: The Light, Dark Thang movie. 7 p.m. Room 210, Applied Arts

Thursday, March 29

- A Midnight Cry: The Underground Railroad to Freedom. Cost: \$5 youth seats, \$8 section A, \$12 box seats. 7 p.m. Regional Arts Center, Eau Claire
- Running Water Poetry Slam. 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Acoustic Café, Eau Claire
- Blue Devil Productions presents: Jeremy Messersmith with The Daredevil Christopher Wright music. Cost: Free with Stout ID, \$1 public. 8 p.m. Rec Center, MSC

Friday, March 30

- Tom Feldmen and The Get-Rites - music. 7 p.m. Blind Munchies Coffeehouse, Menomonie
- Pat Hazell "The Wonder Bread Years." Cost: \$16 children, \$22 students and seniors, \$24 adults. 7 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie
- Clearwater Quartet - music. 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Acoustic Café, Eau Claire
- The Goodyear Pimps, The Melismatics, and Garpike - music. Cost: \$5. 10 p.m. House of Rock, Eau Claire

Saturday, March 31

- Drums Along the Red Cedar presents Minne-Brass. Cost: \$12 students and seniors, \$14 adults. 7 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie
- Chicago City Limits - comedy. Cost: \$15 section A, \$20 box seats. 7:30 p.m. Regional Arts Center, Eau Claire
- Patchouli - music. 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Acoustic Café, Eau Claire
- Drunk Drivers CD Release Show with The

Belles of Skin City and The Stnng - music. Cost: \$5. 10 p.m. House of Rock, Eau Claire

Monday, April 2

- Casino Night. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Terrace, MSC

Tuesday, April 3

- Line Dance Class. Cost: \$5. 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Menomonie Moose Club

Wednesday, April 4

- College Hoops 2K7 Xbox 360 Tournament. 7 p.m. Room 7, Lower Level of Sports and Fitness Center

Athletics

Friday, March 23

- Baseball vs. Concordia-Moorhead @ Metrodome, Minneapolis, MN. 9:30 p.m.
- Gymnastics NCGA Championships @ Whitewater. TBA

Saturday, March 24

- Softball @ Coe College Tournament, Cedar Rapids, IA against Cornell College. 9 a.m.
- Softball @ Coe College Tournament, Cedar Rapids, IA against Maryville University. 2:15 p.m.
- Baseball vs. Carthage @ Metrodome, Minneapolis, MN. 9:30 p.m.
- Gymnastics NCGA Championship @ Whitewater. TBA

Sunday, March 25

- Softball @ Coe College Tournament, Cedar Rapids, IA against Fontbonne University. 10:45 a.m.

- Softball @ Coe College Tournament, Cedar Rapids, IA against Clake College. 2:15 p.m.

Tuesday, March 27

- Baseball vs. Macalester @ Metrodome, Minneapolis, MN. 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 28

- Softball @ Carleton College. 4 p.m.

Saturday, March 31

- Baseball vs. UW-Oshkosh. Noon.
- Softball vs. Ripon College. 1 p.m.

Sunday, April 1

- Baseball vs. UW-Oshkosh. Noon
- Men's Golf @ Loras College, Dubuque, IA.

Monday, April 2

- Baseball vs. UW-Barron County (JV). 3 p.m.
- Men's Golf @ Loras College, Dubuque, IA

Tuesday, April 3

- Softball @ UW-River Falls. 3 p.m.

Wednesday, April 4

- Softball vs. Northwestern, MN. 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 5

- Baseball vs. UW-Superior. 1 p.m.

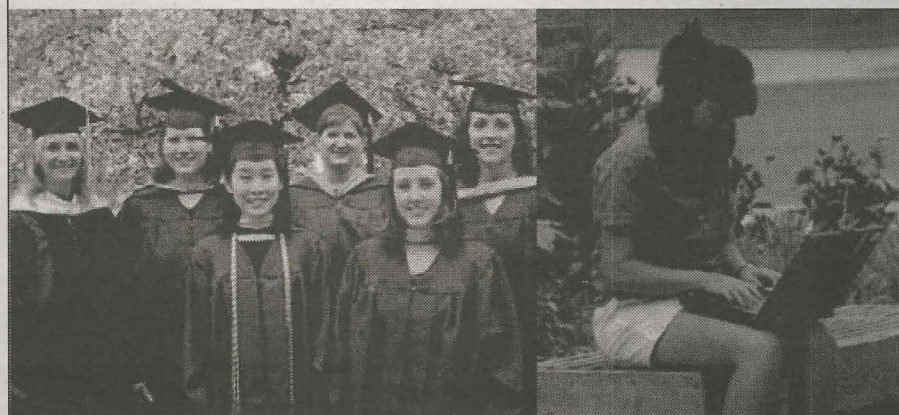
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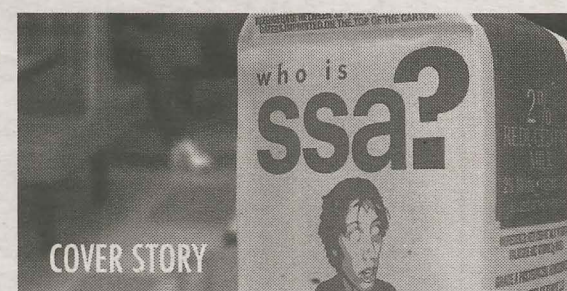
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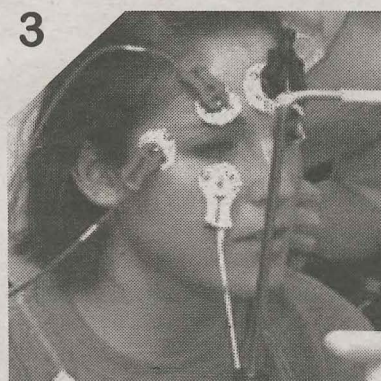
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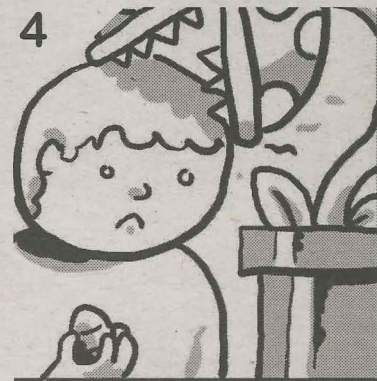
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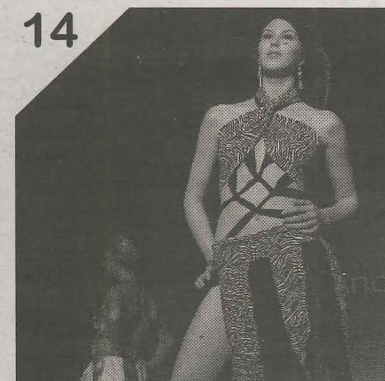
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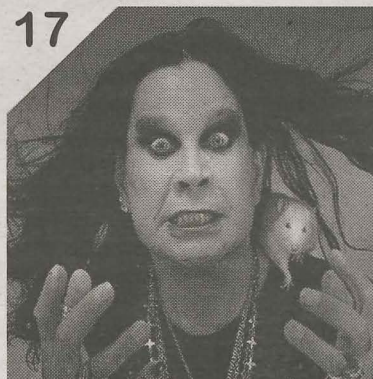
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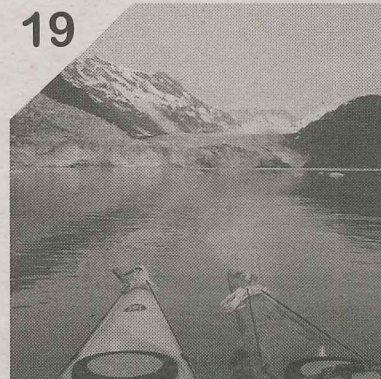
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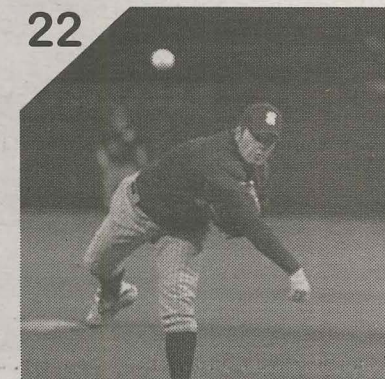
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Combating rape one male at a time

RV-traveling group One in Four seeks to spread awareness to UW-Stout

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Editor-in-Chief

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On Tuesday, April 17, the University of Wisconsin-Stout will be welcoming One in Four, a group of four men traveling across the country in their trademark RV with the goal to teach the public about rape prevention.

According to a campus violence survey, 10 percent of survey respondents (57 total) reported experiencing an incident of sexual assault while enrolled at UW-Stout.

It is in hopes of reducing that statistic that One in Four is coming to UW-Stout. Their goals are to build victim empathy and to teach men how to help

women recover from rape, challenging men to change their own behavior and to influence others.

After presenting at a conservative military college in Lexington, Va., One in Four wrote in an RV tour blog, "We've presented to tough crowds before, and this was certainly not the worst. It's inevitable to get some resistance an any audience that's already on the defensive."

One in Four got their name from their biggest statistic, which they promote the most: one in four college women report surviving rape or attempted rape.

The Campus Violence Prevention Project (CVPP) of UW-Stout is hosting One in Four on their visit. Jessica Bryan, the project coordinator for CVPP, was quite enthusiastic about the coming of One in Four.

"Outside of Jarvis Hall we have two sessions set up at 8 p.m. for all male athletes," said Bryan. "Steve Terry, the UW-Stout athletic director, is making it mandatory for all male athletes to attend."

Then One in Four will have a session at 6 p.m. in Room 210 of Applied Arts for the general public.

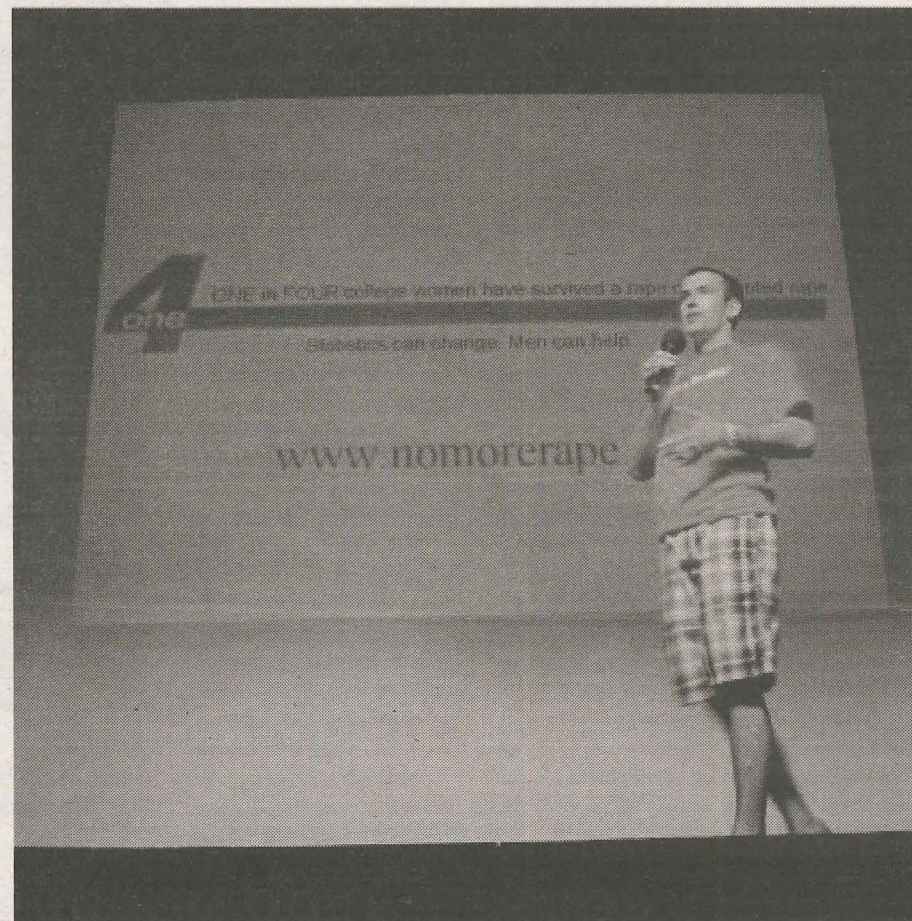
"We're also going to invite some of the male high school seniors and juniors to come to the presentation too," said Bryan.

Bryan continued, "Our biggest challenge right now is that they're going to be here all day long and we'd like to get One in Four into some male dominant classes or just any classes. Right now we don't seem to be having any luck with that."

Classes are able to sign up for nine-minute or 15-minute presentations. Any classes are welcome, indeed, encouraged to do so.

"They want to see men as the solution rather than the problem with sexual assault," said Bryan. "We're just hoping to educate as many people as possible."

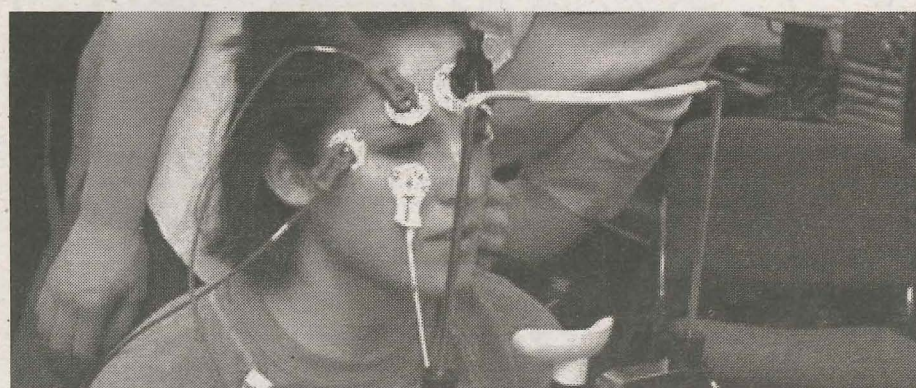
They want to see men as the solution rather than the problem with sexual assault.



Source: www.oneinfourusa.org

A member of One in Four addresses an audience—mostly if not all comprised of men—about how through greater sensitivity and victim empathy men can see themselves as the solution to sexual assault rather than as the problem.

C-NERVE program has students learn the polytechnic way



Contributed Photo

Sensors on a face monitor eye movement in UW-Stout's new C-NERVE laboratory.

Jenny Stabenow
Staff Writer

Imagine combining psychology, biology, math, physics and philosophy. Your result is a cognitive neuroscience laboratory; a student focused program. The program, named

C-NERVE, stands for a Cognitive-Neuroscience Education and Research-Valued Experience. The principle investigator, Richard Tafalla, stated in an interview that "without the students and the faculty, this laboratory couldn't be possible." C-NERVE is truly made for the education of others.

Although the project has been up and running since the beginning of the year, the official ribbon cutting was this past Wednesday. About 20 University of Wisconsin-Stout students have been given the opportunity to study brain behaviors in a cognitive neuroscience laboratory. Cognitive neuroscience is the study of how the brain functions by the neural circuitry. Students will be tracking brain waves, eye movement, muscle tension and much more. They will learn how the brain functions and creates emotions.

These select students must take a set of courses which allows them to participate in this lab. They also become research assistants in labs with faculty.

The students partaking in this study will have the chance to show what they have been doing during research day at UW-Stout. They will also be taking a trip to Madison, Wis. and will meet with legislators to present their research.

The program was funded by a National

Science Foundation (NSF) grant combined with the University Laboratory Modification funding program. This is the fourth time UW-Stout has received a grant from the NSF, which is a great accomplishment. Tafalla mentioned, "C-NERVE fits well into the new polytechnic focus of Stout."

The current C-NERVE laboratory will end in 2009 and at that time they will have proposed to continue the unique program. Phase two would cost up to a million dollars. Faculty that are working with the laboratory at this time are: Desiree Budd, Megan Bustillo, Steven Deckelman, Michael Donnelly, Debra Homa, Judy Hopp, Jerry Kapus, Peizhong Li, Ann Parsons, Sylvia Tiala and Sarah Wood. According to Tafalla, "Without the strong faculty, C-NERVE would not exist." The C-NERVE laboratory is a unique program the psychology department is offering at Stout.

Academic competitions draw prospective students

Danielle Bleck
Staff Writer

On Saturday, March 31, the University of Wisconsin-Stout played host to teams of high school students in the second annual Writing Relay Competition and in the Science Olympiad.

The Writing Relay gave students from three Wisconsin high schools the opportunity to compete in four writing contests—the 40, 80, 200 and 400-Word Dash—all of which had the students writing an essay of the set length about a given topic under a set time limit.

Relay participants had the chance to be judged, recognized and rewarded by a panel of UW-Stout English professors. Students also received a chance to speak with two UW-Stout students majoring in technical communications and with the director of the technical communications program, Bruce Maylath, about possible careers in writing and about college life in general.

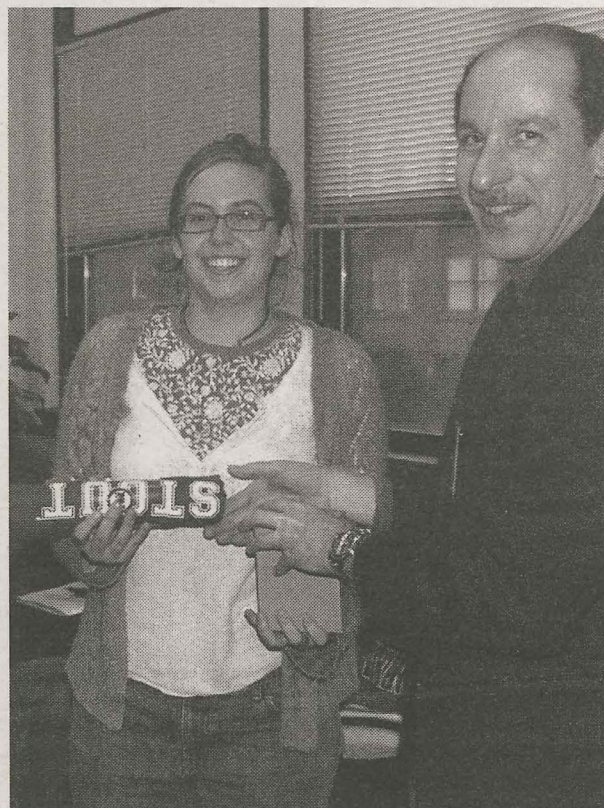
The event was billed by the Department of English and Philosophy as “an exciting, fun, team-based writing contest for high school students in Wisconsin and Minnesota.”

“Our goal in putting on this event is to attract potential students to UW-Stout by raising awareness of our technical communication program,” said Dr. Lopamadru Basu, the chair of the event and assistant professor of English and Philosophy. “Many students that want to go to college for writing think of majoring in journalism or in literature, but seldom even know to

consider technical communication. So we promote the program in particular and of course the university in general.”

The science programs of UW-Stout, including Applied Science, Biotechnology, Materials Science, Nanoscience and Science Education, received attention from prospective students this weekend as well. UW-Stout received the honor for the fourth year to host the State Tournament of the 2007 Wisconsin Science Olympiad, bringing Wisconsin’s finest high school science students to the university campus.

Science-minded middle and high school student “intelletes” from around the state competed earlier in the year in regional competitions with hopes of qualifying for the tournament. Saturday, March 31, they earned the right to compete in events involving ecology, oceanography, physics, sounds of music, “robot ramble” and other subjects. The events took place in both the Memorial Student Center and Jarvis Hall and were run by UW-Stout faculty.



Bruce Maylath, technical communication program director, presents a prize to a Writing Relay winner.

Trophies were awarded to the three teams with the most points, with the top team advancing to the National Science Olympiad Finals.

And the Writing Relay winners are...

40 word dash

- Will Schaller
- Clarissa Thomas
- Amber Barkley

80 word dash

- Rochelle Stiles
- Clarissa Thomas
- Keturah Vangen

200 word dash

- Brittany Graber
- Clarissa Thomas
- Amber Barkley

400 word dash

- 1st place Team - Jessica Long, Heather Walicki and Will Scaller (Chippewa Falls)
- 2nd place Team - Amber Barkley, Rochelle Stiles, Keelea Chartrand (Chippewa Falls)
- 3rd place Team - Clarissa Thomas, Maggie Schafer, Megan Ward (Chippewa Falls)

Brittany Graber is from Turtle Lake and Keturah Vangen is from Rio. All other winners are from Chippewa Falls.

Easter safety tips | 'cuz ya never know

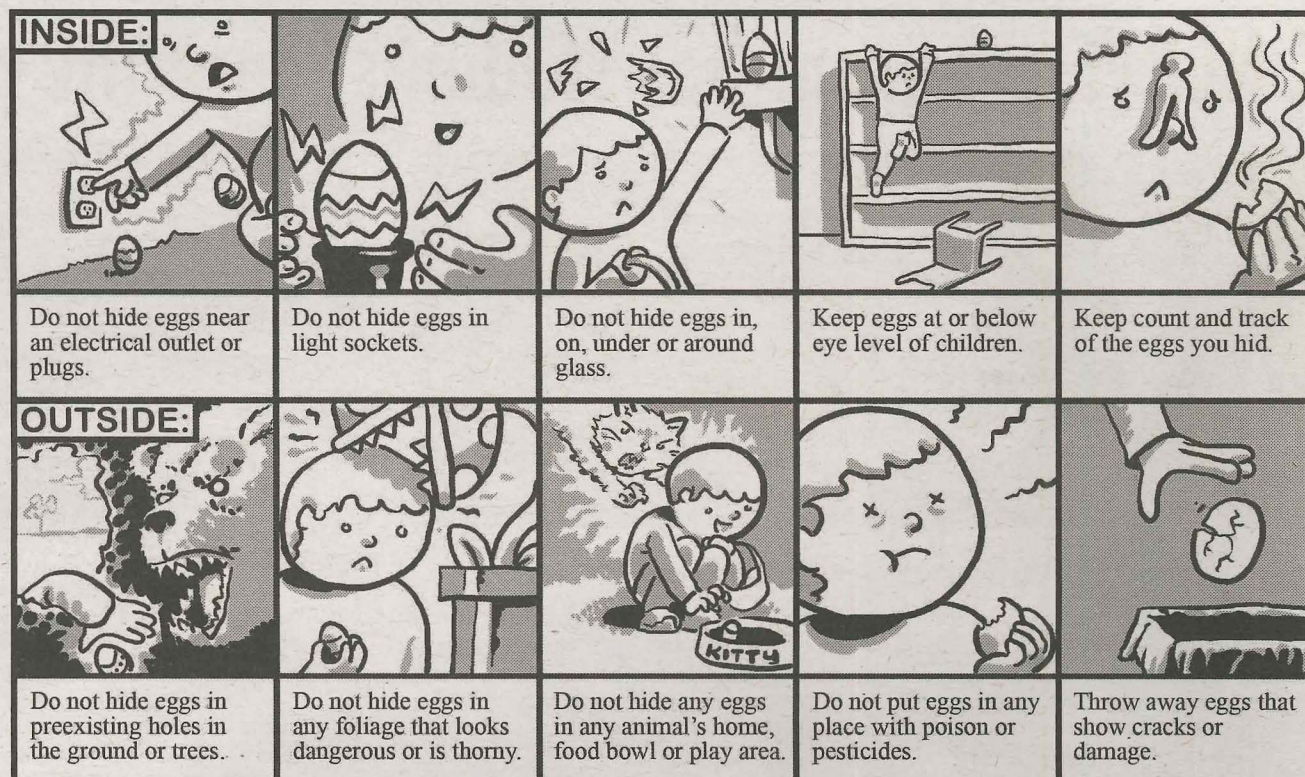
Editor's Note: The following text was e-mailed to The Stoutonia by MrNoNo@binc.us. While we receive our fair share of spam, we just couldn't pass up printing this one (and illustrating it) for two reasons. Obviously since it is the Easter season, it's timely. Also, and more's the fun for us, it lent itself very easily to illustration by our very own Andrew Ohlmann (shown at right). Enjoy!

Every year millions of children are on a quest to find their brilliantly decorated Easter eggs, candy or we can't help but give our children a little better challenge each year, sometimes not thinking of the “safety factor.”

So before you start getting out your 24 foot extension ladder or unscrewing that 100 watt lit bulb and replacing it with an egg, Mr. No-No the #1 Proactive Safety Character in America, has a couple of great safety tips that can help you have a fun and safe Easter.

Tips apply to both inside and outside, but we have broken them down into two primary categories.

Mr. No-No realizes some of these tips might be commonsense [sic], but you would be amazed how many children end up getting hurt due to the fact that parents got a little too creative with their hiding abilities.



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UW-Stout students place first in networking design competition

A team of two students in the information technology management program at the University of Wisconsin-Stout took first place in a networking design competition at the Association of Information Technology Professionals National Collegiate Conference in Detroit, Mich. March 29-31. This was the first year that UW-Stout attended the event.

Students Joe Waggoner of Menomonie, Wis. and Ed Simson of Marshfield, Wis. placed first in the competition ahead of more than 60 other university teams. Second and third place went to teams from Purdue University; honorable mention went to a team from Michigan Technological University.

UW-Stout students Ben Guldán and Travis Schlafke of Marshfield, Wis. also competed in the event.

UW-Stout students culminate yearlong service project with gift to food pantry

The University of Wisconsin-Stout Tau Chapter of Phi Upsilon Omicron presented a donation of handmade fleece baby blankets and the proceeds of a 2007 Baby Fund for infant formula to Interfaith Volunteers of Dunn County on April 4, at the Interfaith Food Pantry at 1620 Stout Road.

The donation is a culmination of a yearlong chapter project of Phi U, a national honor society in family and consumer sciences at UW-Stout. Chapter members were touched by the true story of a single mother who, after losing her job, needed the support of the food pantry to feed her 1-year-old child a specific infant formula for babies with allergies. After hearing the mother's plight, the chapter members selected Interfaith Volunteers as the beneficiary of its 2006-07 project.

The students structured the project to incorporate Phi U's national theme of "Inspired by the Past, Believe in the Present, and Imagine the Future."

To celebrate the "past," the members organized a digital archive of newspaper articles and photos for Interfaith Volunteers in celebration of the nonprofit's 20th anniversary, which was last fall. The slideshow format of the archive will also be used for future celebrations and in funding proposals.

To celebrate the "present," the members held "stuff the truck" and other events to refill food pantry supplies during the

holidays with nutritious foods low in sugar and fat and high in fiber.

To celebrate the "future," the members created and raised money for a 2007 Baby Fund. The fund will be used to purchase baby food and formula to nourish the nation's youngest generation. Funds were raised through donations from local businesses, restaurants, bars and churches. In addition, chapter members solicited donations of fleece from chapter alumni and then made blankets to accompany the monetary donation.

Refugee from Sudan to visit UW-Stout

August Mayai, one of the "Lost Boys" of Sudan, will give a classroom presentation to students at the University of Wisconsin-Stout April 13. Mayai will deliver a firsthand account of the atrocities in Sudan and how divestment can help put an end to genocide in Darfur.

Earlier in the morning, Mayai will speak to students in the political science course, American Government taught by Alec Kirby, associate professor of social science.

Mayai was 7-years-old when he was forced to flee from his home and family in 1987 because of civil war. The civil war in Sudan drove an estimated 20,000 young boys from their villages. Mayai walked more than 500 miles to escape death or slavery, with little food or water, while his group was relentlessly attacked by militia and wild animals. More than half of his group died before reaching a Kenyan refugee camp years later. The survivors of this tragic exodus became known as the "Lost Boys" of Sudan, named after the "Peter Pan" characters who are cast as children into a world of adults.

The United States opened its door to approximately 3,800 "Lost Boys" in 2000 and 2001. The "Lost Boys" are young men now, making their way through everyday life in 28 states. Mayai gained United States citizenship in 2005 and now is attending graduate school at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Mayai's plight in Sudan has been told in a documentary, "Lost Boys." He is assisting Senator Sheila Harsdorf in building awareness regarding the situation in Darfur and in Harsdorf's efforts to require divestment from foreign investments that contribute to the ongoing genocide.

UW-Platteville push vote against Regents admissions policy change

University of Wisconsin-Platteville Student Senate member's push to stop changes to the University of Wisconsin System's freshmen admissions policy fails in senate vote. The UW System Board of Regents intend to include race and ethnicity into the considered criteria for admission, which will take affect during the fall 2008 semester. Several UW-Platteville students, including senators and the senate president, wrote a resolution citing the policy change will infringe on rights of others. Coltan Janes, UW-Platteville senate president, said he saw the new policy as discrimination. The resolution failed to pass 4-to-15 at the March 26 UW-Platteville Student Senate meeting.

Students' off-campus behavior to be targeted

In December 2006, the University of Wisconsin System formed a committee led by UW System's auditor Jane Radue to explore ways to expand its conduct code's reach off-campus. Past actions of students in the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee was a focal point for forming this committee. The UW-Milwaukee area incidents include sexual assault reports, noise violations and riots. "The student have gotten out of control, and the colleges can't do

anything about it," said a resident from the UW-Milwaukee area. Numerous colleges and universities have started sanctioning students for off-campus behavior, but the UW System's code reserves discipline almost entirely for on-campus misconduct. The one instance a university can take action in an off-campus problem is if the attack is against another university student or employee. The committee is lead by Jane Radue, and includes other officials from UW System Administration, UW-Madison, UW-Platteville and UW-Whitewater. There also are two students, including Kyle Duerstein, a junior at UW-Milwaukee.

Recruiters want more minority graduates from the UW system

Corporate recruiters are dissatisfied with the lack of diversity in University of Wisconsin graduates, and some have pulled out of the UW system as a result of this. The UW system is committed to increasing its diversity. However, it has taken steps in that direction by deciding to allow race to be a factor in admissions. Minority students made up 11.5 percent of the entire student body last fall. Even with people's complaints, the UW School of Business witnessed a 20 percent increase in recruiters in 2007. Diane Upton of the UW Career Center credits this raise to the fact that recruiters know they will still get "high-caliber" students when they come to recruit.

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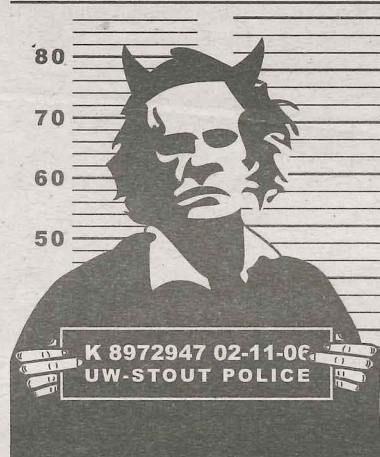
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March 18th through March 25th

UAD 1st: 10
UAD 2nd: 1
Misuse of parking services- 1

Student answered bluntly: cigar, not marijuana

On Wednesday, March 21, an officer was called into HKMC in response to a student possibly using marijuana after an RA thought marijuana could be smelled after

following the student into the building. The student's door was knocked on by the officer and opened by the resident. The resident claimed he had been smoking a cigar outside, not marijuana. There were no signs of marijuana and the student was able to show his pack of cigars with one missing.

I love you, man...

Police were dispatched to the third floor in the library because of an intoxicated male. The male had been loud and an employee had asked him to quiet down. He responded

with an apology and hugged the employee. A strong odor of alcohol was noticeable. When officers arrived, the male apologized again and left the library.

Hall director has X-ray vision

A large party was reported in South Hall by the hall director, estimating at least ten people were in the room. The director did not try to enter because of previous cases of people running away. When the police arrived, they knocked on the open door and could not find any alcohol or smell alcohol on the students. The students denied they were drinking and were told to keep the noise down.

Good clean fun

The HKMC hall director was concerned on March 25 when several students were playing outside the dorms in the mud. She was concerned about the student's safety and suggested that they could go to the intramural field because it is larger. An officer spoke with the students outside and told them that no one is to get muddy who doesn't want to get muddy and to be careful not to track mud inside. There was no illegal activity and the group continued on in the mud.

And it rained beer from above...

On March 24, residents from a Third Avenue home filed a complaint stating that while sitting outside the home and around a fire, students were throwing beer cans at them from a fifth floor window of Red Cedar Hall. One resident entered Red Cedar Hall to confront the males and got a black eye for his trouble. However, when the police went to the room, there were only female residents who lived there. Male residents lived in a room next door. The officer concluded that the house residents were intoxicated and might have made a mistake in remembering which dorm room he entered. Investigations continue.

Citations Issued

March 25th through April 1st

UAD 1st: 4
UAD 2nd: 1
Misuse of parking services- 2
Obstructing/resisting a police officer- 1

Surf Nazis return

Black spray paint images of Adolf Hitler were reported to police on March 26. The graffiti was on two pillars at the Southwest entrance to Micheels Hall. The images appear stenciled and from a common picture of Hitler found in textbooks. Below the images "you are the Furher" was painted. Custodial department members removed the graffiti. There are no suspects.

Tired, but obedient

Police found a man lying in the bushes by lot 30 on March 27. The man told police he was tired and was taking a rest. He was asked to move on with his group of friends and he complied.

Just not funny

A car was vandalized with scratches and a pejorative word in lot four on March 29. The car was "keyed" on both sides and the word "FAG" was scratched into the passenger side door. The car's owner told police the name of a student who may hold a grudge against him because the student was rebuffed by his ex-girlfriend. The possible suspect is on the LaCrosse team and had been practicing in the nearby field the night of the incident.

I'm not wearing any pants - film at eleven

On April 1, a woman was reported to be walking around North Hall naked. An RA spotted the woman in the basement wearing only a black tank-top. The woman said she was ok, lived in Oetting Hall, but wanted to go to the third floor of North Hall. The third floor RA recognized the woman and took her into her room where police did a breathalyzer test on the woman. The test was positive for alcohol in the woman's system. When police asked her to put on shorts, she stated she only wanted to get some sleep.

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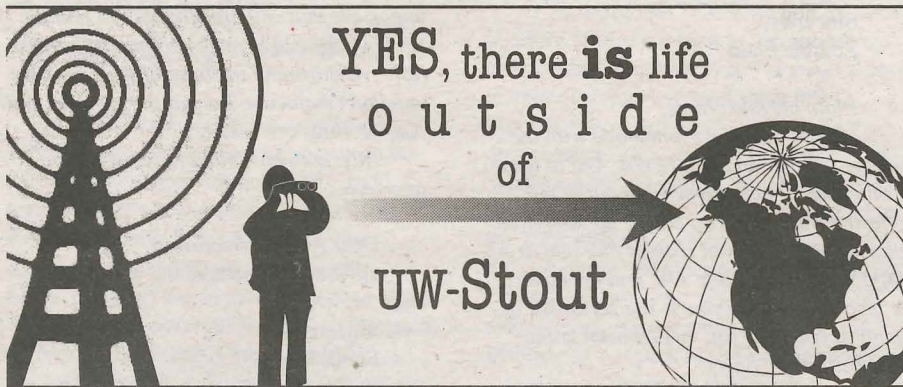
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Homeless veterans exceed shelters

Last fall, the Department of Veterans Affairs announced a shortage of beds in shelters for war veterans. This past winter, a large tent was pitched in a Navy parking lot in San Diego to hold 150 veterans. Lack of funding is the cited reason for shortage of shelters, and more importantly for shortage of medical help. The lack of medical help prevents the homeless veterans from being able to hold a steady job and from becoming independent.

House party turns to fire

A house party near the University of Maryland was cut short when it was set on

fire by a man who passed by and was shoved by a partygoer. The man returned later and poured gasoline on to a sofa and then set it on fire. One resident was found dead; the other two escaped out a window but had serious burns. The man was sentenced to 37 years in prison.

Hollywood hills fire

Two teens set fire behind the Hollywood sign this past Friday. The blaze eventually made its way into Warner Bros. studios. The Illinois teens were taken custody and admitted to setting the fire. The famous Hollywood sign was not structurally damaged and the fire was contained.

Inmate is really a woman

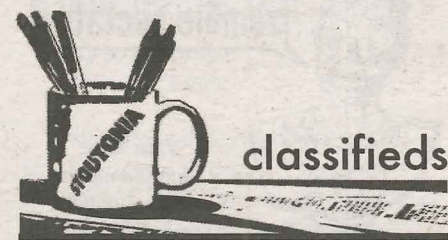
For ten days, a woman was jailed as a man after being charged on sexual relations with a 15-year-old girl. The woman was revealed during a mandatory shower. The woman pleaded to stay out of trouble for six years, have no contact with the girl and will be forced to correct her gender on her driver's license.

Muslims sue passengers from airplane

Six Muslim men are suing the passengers who had the men kicked off an airplane last fall in Minneapolis after the passengers reported the men were acting suspiciously. Lawyers fear this case could make travelers fearful of speaking up when they do see suspicious behavior. The men taken off the plane were seen praying and chanting in Arabic before leaving. They were also reported talking of Saddam Hussein and cursing the United States and other suspicious activities.

Three bystanders were wounded Shopping robbery wounds three

In an Atlanta, Ga. shopping mall, three young men started shootings that wounded three bystanders around 5:15pm on Saturday, March 24. The young men got away in a sport utility vehicle. One victim was critically injured.



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zombie socrates

Hey, kids, it's me: Zombie Socrates. I'm back from the dead and in Menomonie for the time being, so I thought I could do my part for society by giving advice to you young whippersnappers and answer any questions you might have about the meaning of life, truth, justice, girlfriend/boyfriend squabbles or anything in between. The shop is open, so ask away!

Dear Zombie Socrates,
What is the value of non-alcoholic beer, and would you ever recommend anybody buy non-alcoholic beer for any reason?
Sincerely,
The Drunken Master

Dear Drunken Master,
The value of non-alcoholic beer... well, the cost of it can range from about two bucks to around \$20, but the social value of it? Probably not very much. There

is actually no such thing as a beer which is completely void of alcohol, but as long as it has an alcohol content of less than .5% it can be deemed non-alcoholic. As far as recommendations go, I don't know why anybody would honestly drink non-alcoholic beer, unless the person does not consume alcohol but still wants to fit into the crowd without submitting to peer pressure.

Dear Zombie Socrates,
What is the most hardcore sport in the world?
Sincerely,
Crazy Bob

Dear Crazy Bob,
I was actually quite a strapping young lad back in my day, and sampled a variety of very competitive and extreme physical sports. However, I would have to say the most hardcore sport in the world is a toss up between swimming against the current of the Nile River backwards and Extreme Ironing. Ultimately, though, I would have to say Extreme Ironing wins out because of the incredible danger and athletic skill involved.

Yo Socrates,
What makes you so much better than

me anyway?

Sincerely,
Zombie Plato

Plato my fine cronie,
I guess because I'm the one with the advice column and you're not. And at least I'm trying to make something out of my afterlife instead of just sitting up in heaven playing pool with old Honest Abe and drinking Fruitopias all day. Oh, and my name is also cooler than yours. But seriously, as soon as you died you've just been going downhill, man. Sorry.

Dear Zombie Socrates,
What do I do with my life now that I've graduated college? I'm scared!
Sincerely,
Generic College Graduate

I'm glad you asked this question. Listen closely to what I am about to tell you: The best thing you need to do at this point in your life is go outside and look for a wide field of dirt. Make sure that the dirt is kind of loose and sandy and not rock hard. Next, you will want to dig a smallish hole into a patch of land of your choice. Finally, proceed to stick your head into the hole you created in the ground until the fear goes

away and you feel more comfortable. It's important that you are still able to breathe while your head is underground, so leave a little room around the base of your neck so you don't suffocate. Repeat this process until your feelings are cured.

Alternatively, find a job and get an apartment.

Dear Zombie Socrates,
How do you believe the world will end?
Sincerely,
Frank

Dear Frank,
Well I'm no prophet, but according to the Book of Revelations Chapter 10, verse 14: "And so the earth proceeded to divide upon itself, and the ravenous penguins burst forthwith from the fiery chasms, and thereafter descended upon the Earth and wrought the apocalypse upon it."
Or something like that.

If you have any questions you would like to ask me, simply send them to stoutonia@uwstout.edu, and be sure to include Zombie Socrates in the subject header!

Do grades reflect the student?

By Theresa Radtke
Chief Copy Editor

Do grades reflect the student? In Eminence, Ky. a student has the opportunity to either receive an "A" or "B" grade or they fail.

The school proposed this to the district, having already outlawed "D's" in the past. Now wanting to get rid of the "C," they hope to improve the potential of each student. Eliminating the "C" grade, which will be voted on around this time, would mean students would need to earn 80% or higher to pass.

Receiving grades in school for work is like rewarding a trained monkey. Students are trained to do what their teachers will like so in turn, the students will get a good grade.

Eliminating the "D" grade was wrong to do in the first place. "C" grades are supposed to mean average. What if a person is below the average? Are they supposed to just retake every class they can't make the passing grade in?

I have to wonder what teachers across the country think of this new policy that is starting to get attention. I am a bit shocked. As a student I would feel trapped, cornered, stressed to make the grade. In Maryland and Florida two school districts had to abolish the newly tried out grading system because too many students were failing.

Urs R. Haltinner, a professor at the University of Wisconsin-Stout said, "You

are not the grade, you are the composite of everything you put on the table."

Apart from the obvious, that I think almost every student would struggle under this way of grading, what about students with learning disabilities? If they were incapable of making the "B" grade I would hate to think that they should just be pushed aside. Grades do not show the education a student in America has acquired over their school career.

"I believe it requires a sense of belonging, worth, value and hope on the part of learners and teachers. It has been my experience that grades can be a very imprecise means of certifying a student's capacity to know, do or appreciate/value," said Haltinner. It is a case with two sides fighting, book smarts over street smarts. Lessons learned over material memorized.

I am not sure what administrators or the government is trying to do with education in high school by pulling out grades. If students ever make it past high school there will be another problem: getting through college. Soon they will raise tuition further from what it already is. Oh wait, they are.

In conclusion, I would just like to point out that when students go to school they should be appreciated for their individuality. Most students under the grading system of "A" or "B" would not fit into the two categories. Most importantly though, how will students learn if they are not allowed to make mistakes?

Let's Come Together

By Jordan Chabalowski
Guest Columnist

Since the dawn of man we as a species have had to overcome many adversaries. From droughts to famines, woolly mammoths to saber tooth tigers, economic depressions to social depression, we as a global tribe have always seemed to overcome hardships. In the face of so many more problems that seem to keep escalating as the days go on we as the people of Earth often wonder, "What is to be done about all of these issues?" If we look back through history we can see the conflict and problem resolution techniques and apply them to the here and now. George Santayana once said, "Those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it." If we do not begin to heed the wisdom of our fathers and mothers from generations ago we may as well throw in the towel. They are prime sources for information, and we should head it as such for they have already come and gone. One of the principle lessons that I have learned about the human spirit through history is our sheer will to survive. However, our ancestors only survived because they came together as a people and took on the problems head on. To even suggest that a species of sheer individuals, whom are only concerned about themselves, could survive even half of the "shit" (I choose my diction wisely) that we as a globe has been up against since day one is preposterous. It doesn't matter which species you want to look at. They all banded together because they realized they were all in the same mess TOGETHER! Now by no means am I suggesting that we abandon all that makes us who we

are, for this is what makes the dynamic nature of our planet. The rainbow of difference is what makes us great, however a rainbow is nothing without the unification of the beams of color. We as a global people must realize that we are all in this together or we are going to keep facing the same "proverbial cluster-f*cks" that we have been facing since day one. The unification of the human spirit, mind, and body as a global people is both feasible and necessary. Through the love of one another as you yourself would choose to be loved and the undeniable harmony that accompanies that love we can truly progress past these hardships and live in a heaven on Earth state. The kingdom of heaven is here if we only set aside our own selfish desires, wants, and misguided nature and start loving each other. I make no promises...this is a difficult process to embody, but once we can grow beyond our own human nature the possibilities are infinite. I have faith in every human being that we can grow beyond our own narrow minded scope and embody the greater picture that is humanity and life on this planet. Together through peace, love, unity, respect, and responsibility we can overcome any obstacle that block our paths. The support and love of your neighbors (both near and afar) will be the deciding factors in our success as a planet. Are you prepared to take this challenge that I propose to you today? Even when your neighbors scoff at your unconditionally loving nature? This is a test we must all face and rise to the challenge to overcome. Just know that you shall always have both my support and love in your struggle, and with that in mind you shall never be alone in your quest. Have a lovely day and let us come together as one and show the universe what the inhabitants of this planet are capable of!

letters to the



United Council, the voice of University of Wisconsin system students, has been the recognized voice of students in the state legislature, the UW system and Board of Regents for over forty years. They have assisted students like myself, recipients of financial aid, in the form of grants and loans. As tuition skyrocketed here in the University of Wisconsin system, United Council has worked diligently to keep tuition as low as possible in the face of massive budget cuts by raising the Wisconsin Higher Education Grant for low and no-income students. Without a strong state student association, we can only wonder how much the state legislature would price students out of a historically accessible education in the UW system. In our Vote 2006 work, we raised student voter turnout upwards of 56%. We, as students, have the power! This is exactly why I have decided to be President of United Council, in order to advocate for myself and the other students who are struggling to pay for tuition against these hikes. Please support United Council and vote YES for the referendum. I want to represent you further and work together across the state to keep tuition low, raise grants, and maintain overall access for higher education here in Wisconsin.

Cedric Lawson

I've heard that UW-Stout will be voting to rejoin United Council in the upcoming election and as a student at a United Council member campus I wanted share UW-Eau Claire's positive experience with the organization. This past fall I helped run the Students Vote! Coalition, which increased student voter turn out by 54% compared to the 2002 election. In Eau Claire alone, students swung three elections, and as a result we have an enormous amount of political and electoral power, which will help immensely as we work with United Council to win more victories for students.

I am excited that UW-Stout could soon be part of the statewide student movement. Through United Council, we have the ability to influence and work with the UW System Administration, UW Board of Regents and the state legislature. United Council has won a \$10 million increase in financial aid, added a second student voice to the Board of Regents, strengthened state sexual assault statutes and added strong accountability measures to Plan 2008 (the UW's plan to increase diversity), all within the past two years. Just think what could be accomplished with UW-Stout as a member!

I strongly encourage you to vote yes for United Council. The statewide student movement in Wisconsin is strong, but UW-Stout is a critical component to making the movement and student power even stronger.

Elizabeth A. Schinke
Student, UW-Eau Claire

In response to your guest columnist's editorial, "Every time you smoke a kitten dies..."

I want to make this brief and first say that smoking is a disgusting habit.

However, accepting people who make different life choices is more important than your undermining agenda.

Just because you (and many others) don't like smoking, doesn't make it wrong.

This same argument could be modified for homosexuals, minorities, and drugs. Just because you don't like it, doesn't change the fact that people do it (whatever it is).

Maybe you should get past the fact that there are always people who are different from you that choose to do things you don't agree with.

Smokers are already outside, where do you want them to go? Optimally, you probably don't want people to smoke, but Palestine doesn't like Israel, so should we just get rid of all Jews?

Adrian Larson-Mallo

If you would care to write a letter to the editor of The Stoutonia, it's actually pretty easy and you can do it one of three ways: (1) Go to our Web site, www.stoutonia.com, and fill out the letter to the editor form (2) e-mail us at stoutonia@uwstout.edu or (3) regular old-fashioned mail always works, addressed to 149 Memorial Student Center. Just keep it 150 words or less and profanity-free!

Kiley needs our help

By Sam Schuna
Opinionz Editor

Not long ago, Kendralind Kiley, the former manager of Legacy Chocolates in Menomonie, Wisc., fell very ill with a very rare mitochondrial disease in January and was rushed to the hospital.

For those of you not in the know, mitochondria are tiny little organelles found in almost every eukaryotic cell in the human body and are responsible for creating 90 percent of the cellular energy in our bodies.

Mitochondrial disease occurs when the mitochondria in the cells fail to produce enough energy for cell or organ function. This in turn causes excessive cell death in organs, which in turn can lead to organ failure. Only one in 3,000-4,000 individuals ever fall ill with this disease in the United States, and after becoming infected, Kiley remained in the hospital fighting the disease until recently. Kiley is home now, but she cannot move her legs, is barely capable of speech and needs constant assistance and care. This has led to a tremendous increase in bills for her and her family, but you can help! On Saturday April 14 and Sunday April 15, a bake/thrift sale will be held here on 1009 8th St. East from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. to raise money for Kendralind Kiley to combat this disease and pay medical bills.

The Raw Deal organic restaurant is also accepting donations for this cause, so please donate if you can!

Some pointed questions about mandatory laptops

By Curtis Turner
Guest Columnist

In this day in age, many people devote a good portion of their lives to their computers. College students especially. Students use computers to take notes, conduct research and write papers. On top of that (and to some, more importantly), they use their computers to e-mail, blog and maintain personal home-pages. In addition to school work, they use their computers to store music, pictures, videos and games. Wouldn't it be nice if they could do all of these things on one computer? Unfortunately for University of Wisconsin-Stout students, they do not have that option.

I am a first-year student at UW-Stout. From the moment I applied for the university I was apprehensive about its E-Scholar Program. The program requires students to lease a laptop from the university, regardless of whether they already own one. The fees for the E-Scholar program are built into tuition, eliminating any chance to opt out.

What is provided is an entry-level laptop with wireless and DVD capabilities. The screen, keyboard and battery life are small, but not as small as the memory, processor or hard drive. I am far from a computer expert, but I know that moving all of my personal digital media to this laptop

would lower its performance to an undesirable level. What that means is; I am now reliant on two computers - my personal PC and my school one.

Referring to this laptop as my 'school PC' uses that term pretty loosely. Because of its small size, I do the majority of my homework on my home computer. I then transfer it to my laptop via my home network or a flash drive. The only school use I get out of my laptop is in-class note taking. Am I the only one to whom this seems ridiculous?

This could all be avoided if the E-Scholar Program would allow students the option of providing their own laptop. This would allow students who already own laptops to make use of them and students who want a better performing laptop to purchase one.

Of course, the first argument that comes up is cost. Cost is not an issue, though. If a student feels that they cannot afford to purchase their own laptop, they can lease one through the school - as they would otherwise be required to. What many students do not realize is; they are currently paying \$37.50 a credit for the use of the university-provided laptop. After 120 credits, that works out to \$4,500. Forty-five hundred dollars for an entry-level laptop that they don't even get to keep.

Upon graduation, students do have the option to pay an extra \$600 - \$625 to keep the paperweight they have been lugging around for the past two years. They could also trade down to an older model and keep someone else's ex-hindrance of a laptop for free. I personally would rather pay the money up front, get a high-performance computer, and keep the one that has all of my files on it after my graduation (for no additional charge).

The E-Scholar Program promotes that the provided laptop can be paid for through financial aid, since the costs are built into tuition. This also is not an issue for students. Financial aid, both Federal and supplemental (private), can be awarded to a student to cover the full cost of attendance at a university. This includes living expenses, books and supplies - which includes computers.

Finally, there is the issue of the additional services provided by Stout's E-Scholar program. The University does supply software on the laptops for which they purchase a limited number of licenses. In addition, Stout employs technicians to help students with any problems they may encounter. There is also the wireless network that has been established and needs to be maintained. I agree that this all must continue to be paid for.

According to the Question and Answer

Document on Stout's E-Scholar Program Web site, 12 percent of the \$37.50 per-credit fee goes toward support services, 3 percent to software and 1 percent to overhead. The remaining 84 percent is spent on hardware. If I were allowed to provide my own laptop for the E-Scholar Program, I would have no problem paying that remaining 16 percent. Six dollars a credit actually sounds like a good deal to have my laptop temporally loaded up with university software and on-hand technical support.

If Stout's E-Scholar Program made the change to a mandatory \$6 per-credit fee for all students with the option of leasing a laptop for an additional \$31.50, it would make a world of difference. Students would now be able to either make use of a laptop they already own or purchase, - one that would allow them to consolidate the part of their life that they devote to a computer to one device.

With this change and over a college career of 120 credits, I (as a Stout student) will be able to save \$3,780 from tuition to pay back the little extra bit of financial aid I had to take to purchase a worthy laptop.

I'll even have enough money left over to purchase an extended warranty, extra batteries and some of my own software so that I will have something that is of use to me after graduation.

UW-system faculty wages can't compete

By Sam Schuna
Opinions Editor

Let me first say that when it comes to economics, politics and money in general, I'm not the brightest bulb in the box (sometimes I even have trouble balancing my own checkbook). But an important issue, that I think needs to be brought to our attention, is greatly affecting our entire University of Wisconsin system and is percolating to the top of legislative debate. This problem concerns not only accessibility of faculty wages, but more specifically how incredibly low the wages themselves are.

For about ten years the annual wages of UW-system staff and faculty have been posted online for anyone to see as general information. Recently, though, the information was taken off the Web because UW officials reasoned that the information could be used by rival university systems to dissuade applicants from working with them. However, this is actually a moot point of justification, since Bruce Shepard of the greenbaypressgazette.com tells us the information is still open to the public through university system computers and libraries. And even if someone didn't live near the UW-system, they could purchase a copy of the information for \$10 if they wanted it on a compact disc. So why delete this information from cyberspace? Perhaps to cover up a bigger, even more embarrassing problem: that professors at UW-System four-year universities and public universities are paid drastically lower wages than those employed at Wisconsin's higher quality technical schools, and consequently, the professors are going from public UW-system universities to the UW-system technical schools. This is not a recent problem, either; it has actually been going on for years. Hundreds of highly-trained and extremely talented professors already have left the UW-system campuses in exchange for better-paying jobs elsewhere.

As a design student at UW-Stout, I remember taking Design Theory and Methods with an extremely knowledgeable and passionate professor, Adam Wells, who was primarily an Industrial Design professor. He was a strict grader, but was well liked by almost every student I know, and he knew what he was talking about. I learned a lot more about good design from him than many other professors I have taken, but guess what? I didn't get the opportunity to take any further classes with him because soon after I had his class he left for a position with a higher salary. Even now, there are constantly reoccurring seminars and open presentations to interview candidates for open art and design positions needing to be filled. Some professors don't even stay on a full year before leaving for more advantageous opportunities.

It's not just art students, either. According to Kawanza Newson of jsonline.com, at UW-Madison, biomedical scientists are more preoccupied with writing grants to pay funds and salaries needed to continue research instead of actually doing research. This low funding has dwindled the average age of a scientist from getting his first grant at 34 to 41. The scientists and administrators have time and time again asked for more funding and increased salaries, but to no avail. This hasn't stopped the scientists from uncovering research and data that could generate new treatments and cures for various diseases down the road, but without the money to continue funding the work it's only a matter of time before the experiments get shut down. This is especially a shame, as UW-Madison is so privileged in being one of the only universities in the Midwest region to be allowed to participate in stem cell research. But if the powers that be continue to restrict funding, what's the point?

The UW-system has long had a reputation for being host to a variety of well-qualified and highly ranked professionals in their field, so why can't we pay them what they deserve?



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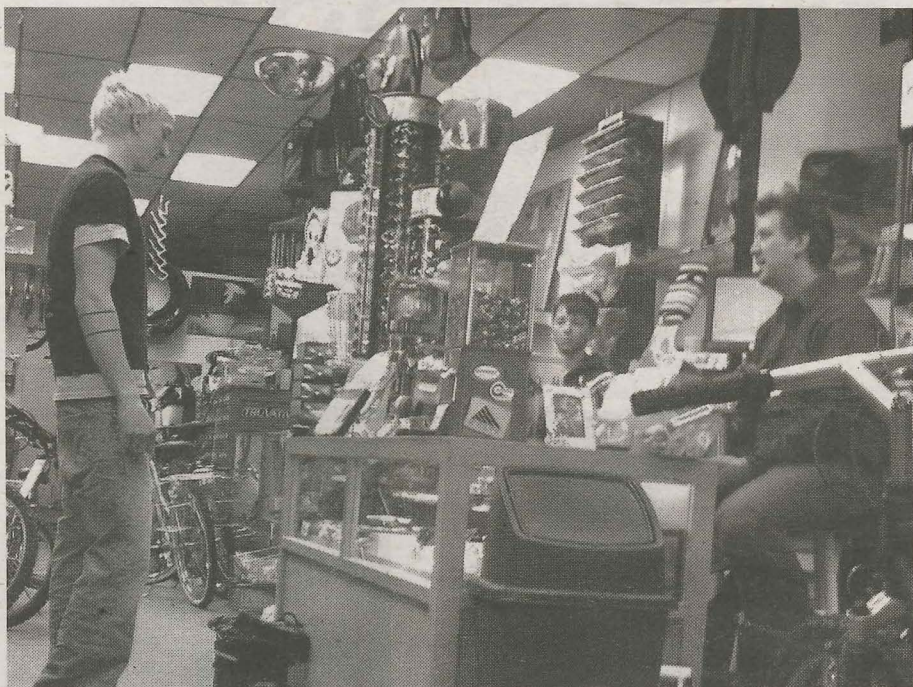
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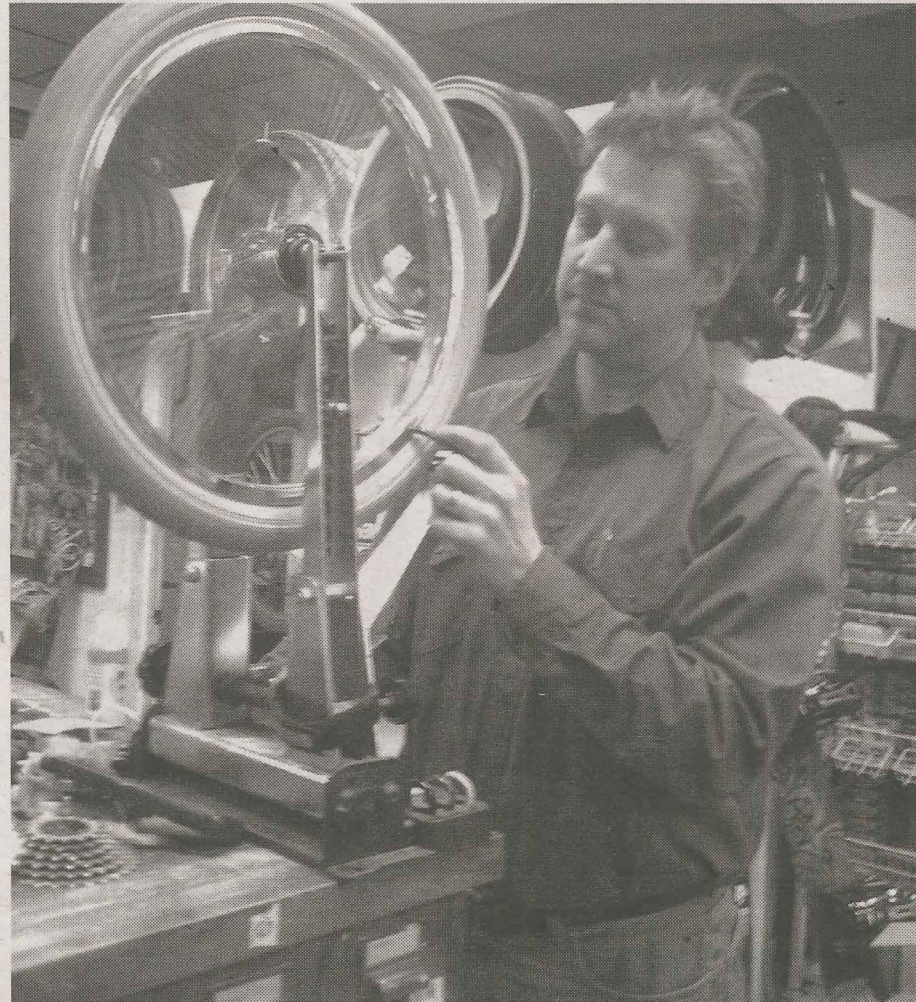
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Friendly atmosphere a draw for local sports shop



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Above left: Simple Sports owner and proprietor Rory Feddersen interacts with a customer. Above: Feddersen in his element, fiddling around with bicycle parts. Below left: a typical scene of the "organized clutter" of Simple Sports.

By Joel Toms
Guest Writer

Standing behind glass cases—displaying an assortment of bicycle and skateboard parts, decals, disc golf accessories and other things—is Rory Feddersen, the good-humored proprietor and sole employee of Simple Sports.

Feddersen has single-handedly operated the Menomonie-based store since December 1999. No minor accomplishment, even considering Feddersen's impressive academic background, which includes bachelor's degrees in chemistry and biology and a resume that includes four years of employment as a professional research chemist.

A portable wooden A-frame business sign stands on the sidewalk in front of his shop to alert customers that he is open for business. Tacked to the sign are notices of upcoming local events, concerts, and functions. The display windows of the unassuming storefront are filled with the latest toys for sports fans young and old.

There's an organized clutter about the place. Clothing racks surround a tall display of snowboards and hockey sticks. Bicycles hang overhead, shelves are stocked with helmets and repaired bikes await customer pickup on the shop floor.

Toward the back of the shop is an ancient wooden card-catalog file containing approximately 50 drawers. This serves as Feddersen's parts department and tool receptacle. At the very rear of the shop is the slightly disheveled maintenance area, whose aroma of axle grease and tire rubber is hardly reminiscent of a chemist's laboratory.

Between assisting his customers, Feddersen explains his journey from an Iowa chemist to a Wisconsin small business owner.

"I double-majored in chemistry and biology at the University of Northern Iowa,"



Jason Harsh/Stoutonia

he says. "After graduation I worked as a research chemist in Cedar Rapids. It was the on-the-job politics and my desire to leave Cedar Rapids that got me out of there. After four years it was enough!"

During his time at the university Feddersen played NCAA football, starting his career as a Red Shirt Freshman before playing wide receiver every year thereafter, including a trip to the NCAA semifinals. Two of his former college teammates are present-day Arizona Cardinals quarterback Kurt Warner and former Green Bay Packer linebacker Bryce Paup.

Feddersen left Iowa in 1996 and moved to Menomonie to manage Riverside Bike and Skate, despite an admittedly rudimentary knowledge of bicycle maintenance.

"I knew just about everything that anyone else knows," he confesses, "how to fix a flat tire and stuff like that."

As Feddersen speaks, a customer enters

the shop carrying what looks like a shoebox. The man's young daughter rides upon his shoulders. As with many of his customers, Feddersen recognizes him and greets him warmly by his first name. It seems that the man has a pair of used rollerblades that he wants to sell on E-Bay but isn't sure how much to sell them for. Feddersen spends some time advising the man on the asking price and even agrees to post them on E-Bay for him. They verbally agree on a fee to be paid when the rollerblades sell. Feddersen takes the box from the man. No money changes hands. The customer leaves, his daughter still riding merrily along on his shoulders.

Feddersen relaxes amongst the hockey pucks and backpacks as his 9-year-old golden retriever, Fluff, lolls about the displays.

"In December of 1999 I left Riverside and started my first shop in the basement of what is now That Mexican Place," he says. Feddersen was at this locale about a year before moving into his present location in January 2001.

As to the satisfaction of being one's own boss, Feddersen will have none of it.

"I've got a bunch of bosses," Feddersen says. "My main boss is the person standing on the other side of the counter." Feddersen

cannot stress enough the importance of customer satisfaction.

Still, Feddersen has to admit he likes the freedom. "I can close up the shop anytime I want and just leave my phone number on the front door."

There are two other bicycle shops in town and a large sporting goods store has recently moved into the local mall. Feddersen says he has no control over the competition, "I've just got to carry on smartly," he states. Feddersen sells between 75 and 100 bicycles a year.

"He's a great guy and a good businessman," says Christenson, "Every time you come in here he's cutting someone a deal." While describing his past experiences as a customer of the shop Christenson says, "It's cool, you can come in and just chat and learn stuff and not buy anything."

The used bike market is big and Feddersen spends the winter months maintaining his used inventory. "When the bikes are slow in the winter, I tweak (snow) boards, sharpen skates, build customs, work on used bikes, and assemble the new stuff for spring."

Simple Sports is open Monday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. and on Sundays by appointment.

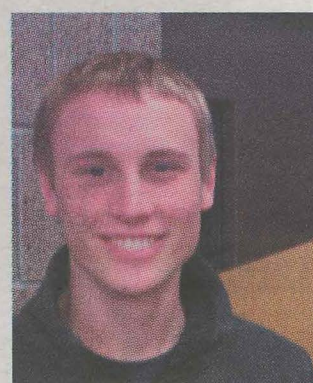


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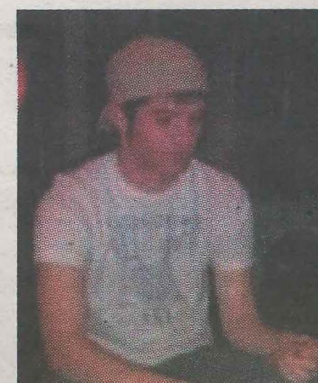
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SSA President

What the job entails: The President is responsible for the continued operation of the student government and represents students as a whole.



Michael Lubke



Carlo Ricciardi

Goals: I would like to get senators to better represent their constituents. The problem is that we have listening sessions and almost no one shows up. It's a real problem getting students involved and getting them to care about what the SSA does. I think a lot of advertisements and actually going out and talking to students. Maybe if we set up booths in the dorms to just say "hey, come talk to us."

One thing I'm looking at is organizations being able to bring food into the Memorial Student Center. As it stands, organizations are allowed 25 people max with \$75 max and it's kind of an honor system. We think it's a step in the right direction for organizations to be able to bring more food in. Of course we need to have consideration for University Dining Services and can't do anything that would substantially and adversely affect them.

Working to insure the quality of faculty and academic staff. It seems that some majors the quality of the teachers has dropped off a little because Stout is now the third lowest in the UW-System in terms of what they pay teachers. I believe as a start etter campaigns and joining the United Council would help correct this.

Qualifications: SSA Financial Affairs Director. Before that an SSA senator for two years. Was Vice President of North Hall for two years. I am familiar with Parliamentary Procedure. I will represent the students with pride and not back down on issues!

I feel that the last three years experience in SSA have helped me to know what goes on and I have pretty good standing with the administration. I think I can do a good job representing students.

Goals: Work with organizations to get them more involved with SSA and get more students interested in what the SSA is doing.

Since we haven't had a full Senate obviously my biggest goal would be to fill the Senate seats.

I'll do my best job to serve students.

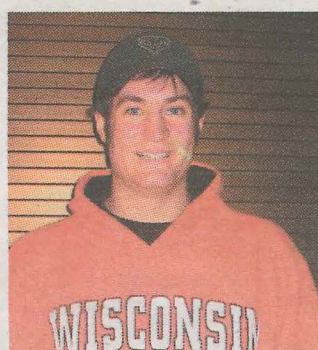
Qualifications: I've been active in other organizations, I've been in SSA for two years, I've been Caucus leader this year. I have experience in a wide variety of campus activities and programs.

I'm very hard working. I consider myself a natural leader. I've been with the SSA since my freshman year.

In regards to past membership in Sigma Tau Gamma: I don't think voters should have any doubts about me because of what happened with Sig Tau. Our organization got busted having a party, that kind of thing happens. It shouldn't cast any doubt for anybody on what kind of people we are.

Everybody at Stout parties. A lot of people do it. I really don't see it as a problem at all.

Organizational Affairs



Andrew Mielke

What the job entails: The Director of Organizational Affairs is responsible for all organization recognition as well as any issues within organization.

Goals: We are of course renewing all the organizations' memberships next year, so of course I'd be working to make sure that process runs as smoothly as possible. It's my responsibility to make sure that shared governance committees have student representatives. This year I was just thrown into it without much training so next year I hope to make sure that all student positions on shared governance committees are filled and filled sooner.

Qualifications: Served sophomore year as SSA senator and served junior year as Organizational Affairs director. Is the current Organizational Affairs director. Understands Parliamentary Procedure. Avid member of Financial Affairs Committee.

Diversity Director



Gao Vang

What the job entails: The Director of Diversity is responsible to bring the issues of gender, race and religion into focus for the UW-System, UW-Stout campus and students.

Goals: I want to be involved with the different organizations, to go out there and talk to the students. As Director of Diversity I am of course representing them.

Qualifications: I am on the current Diversity Director's diversity committee, so I've been working with her this whole year helping her with the events she's held, bringing in speakers.

I believe myself to be an outgoing person, determined and I really want to make a difference. I've seen certain things on campus and I have concerns and I think for this position I want to represent students who feel that they have no voice.

Legislative Affairs Director

What the job entails: The Director of Legislative Affairs is responsible to serve as a communication line between student government, local government, state and national government.



Andrew Lasar

Goals: Basically I'm just here to advocate for students and lobby for them. I'm hoping to get higher voter turnout for national voting and SSA voting. Publicity and exposure are the keys to solving this problem.

Qualifications: Working with past organizations I've gained the ability to lead, get others motivated and delegate responsibilities. I've been with the SSA since February of this year. I'm versed in the SSA constitution and the duties of the Legislative Affairs Director. I feel I'm qualified and I'll work hard. I do believe all the other candidates are well qualified but I won't be able to run next year and I'd like to serve while I can.

In regards to past membership in Sigma Tau Gamma: What I did was illegal so it was wrong in that way, but I don't believe what I did was morally wrong. That's just the way I feel. I feel that if an 18-year-old college student can go off to war, fight for their country and die, they should also be able to have a drink. None of them [the 133 people cited for underage drinking] had drinks at my house, but they were intoxicated while they were there and they were ticketed and I accept full responsibility for that.



Joshua Fox

Goals: Continue working on making voting easier for Stout Students by working on getting student polling places to buildings on campus. Work on getting more students registered to vote by holding voter registration drives. Attend Menomonie City Council Meetings and have a working relationship

with the council members and our state representatives and senators. Inform the student body on issues that affect them on a state, local, and national level by sending out weekly legislative updates. In favor of joining the United Council: "I believe it can't really hurt us more than it can help us. Right now we do need a little help getting our name back out with the students. With United Council's help maybe we can get a few more things rolling."

Qualifications: I've spent eight years in student government, I have a strong working knowledge in parliamentary procedure and Roberts Rules of Order and I have a strong passion for everything I'm involved in and do.



Courtney Manninen

Goals: I want students to have both issues. I feel a lot of times we get one or the other and it's so biased between liberal and conservative. I believe someone should have pros and cons and then be able to choose. I don't want them to say, "Okay, you have to agree with me or you have to agree with so-and-so." Students should have both sides of an issue presented to them and often that isn't the case. That will be something I'd fight for and something I'm very passionate about.

Qualifications: I was a political science and law major for two years so I know a lot about policy. I understand state and national politics very intricately. I have been a volunteer and campaign coordinator in the last three state and national elections. I've also worked with the Secretary of State for Minnesota on election polling. It helped me understand the rules and regulations of what's going on, which is a big part of this job. To help students with voting.

A chance to meet the candidates at April 11 debates

Statistically proven more effective in deciding whom to vote for than tossing a coin or consulting a Ouija board

By Kyle Kingston
Editor-in-Chief

The SSA Executive election debate will take place April 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Memorial Student Center. The event will be moderated by current Legislative Affairs Director Steven Anderson.

In an as yet undetermined order, each candidate for each contested position will be given the chance to hold forth and respond to his opponents on a variety of topics. Each candidate will be limited to a certain amount of time for responses to questions.

The SSA elections committee is currently formulating questions for the debate.

Some issues expected to be dealt with in the debates include the current polytechnic designation and the current referendum on UW-Stout's joining the UW-System United Council.

Free food from the Memorial Student Center. Hoping to draw larger crowds than in years past, prizes will be available for audience members to win, including gift certificates from the following sponsors: The Log Jam, The Buck, Inter Residence Hall Association, Student Organization Center, The Chancellor's Office and the SSA.

As the questions for the debate become available, The Stoutonia will post them online at www.stoutonia.com.

UC once again seeks out Stout

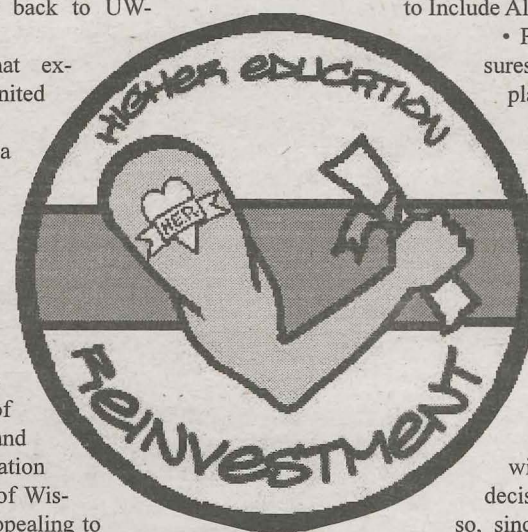
By Samantha Neumann
Staff Writer

Thursday, April 12, UW-Stout students will have the opportunity to participate in elections for the SSA executive positions, as well as a vote to bring the United Council organization back to UW-Stout.

So what exactly is United Council?

It is a non-profit, non-partisan, student-run association committed to enhancing the condition of student life and higher education in the state of Wisconsin by appealing to UW rulemakers. If UW-Stout chooses to join United Council, student

Source: www.unitedcouncil.net



nancial Aid by increasing WHEG award.

- Added a second student position on the Board of Regents, the governing board of the UW System.

- Reduced red tape for veterans re-entering higher education.

- Strengthening Sexual Assault Statutes to Include Alcohol as an Intoxicant.

- Passed accountability measures of Plan 2008, the 10 year plan to increase racial and ethnic diversity.

- Expanded protections for all students, faculty and staff through UW System non-discrimination policy.

- Increased student voter turnout by over 50% over 2002 numbers.

Any student who wishes to participate in the decision-making groups can do so, since every student from the university will be paying money for membership in United Council. It's what's called a "mandatory refundable" membership fee. If the referendum passes on April 12, UW-Stout will be requiring students to pay two dollars every semester. United Council is quick to assure students that if the individual student wishes, he or she can get his or her two dollars back.

It should be noted that the last time a referendum to rejoin the United Council was put before UW-Stout students was two years ago, at which time students voted against membership.

More information is available at www.unitedcouncil.net or through contacting Lilia Williams at lgbtq@unitedcouncil.net.

During the 2005-2006 academic year, the United Council accomplished some impressive things:

- Won \$10 Million Dollar increase in Fi-

The Wire Top

Upcoming Music - Movies - Games

Concerts

April 5, '07:

- Run Side Down @ Waterfront.
10 p.m. Free.

April 6, '07:

- Snow Patrol @ Northrop Auditorium.
Minneapolis. 7:30 p.m.

April 7, '07:

- Vile Red @ House of Rock.
9:30 p.m. Free.

April 8, '07:

- Chris Cornell @ First Ave.
Minneapolis. 8 p.m.

April 12, '07:

- Stealin' Strings @ Waterfront.
10 p.m. Free

April 13, '07:

- Orestus, Helliphant, &
3 Pill Morning @ House of Rock. Eau
Claire. 9:30 p.m. \$5
- Kottonmouth Kings @ First Ave.
Minneapolis. 7 p.m.

DVD Releases

April 17, '07:

- The Last King of Scotland
- Venture Bros, Season Two
- Mork and Mindy Season Two

Movie Releases

April 13, '07:

- ATHF: Movie for Theaters
- Disturbia
- Pathfinder

April 16, '07:

- Grindhouse
- The Reaping

Game Releases

April 4, '07:

- XB 360: Loxor 2

April 9, '07:

- Wii: Super Paper Mario

April 10, '07:

- PS2: The Red Star

April 19, '07:

- PC: Theatre of War

Stout students have fashion sense

Jenna Wojan

Entertainment Editor

The University of Wisconsin-Stout's Silhouettes Fashion Show committee is frantically preparing for their spring fashion show. This year's show takes on a Goddess theme as 75 student designers and 122 models present fashion varying in many styles such as formal, menswear, maternity, bridal, high fashion and even hunting wear.

Everyone on the committee is working hard at scheduling the show, hair and make-up, set design and some are even busily finishing their designs to put in the show, under the supervision of sophomore apparel design major Nina Dubois, show coordinator.

Megan Wendt, a freshman apparel design and development major is the promotions co-head on the committee. She is also one of the ten freshmen who have their work in the show.

"I'm nervous," she admits, "But it's exciting to be a freshman and put something in [the show] and actually see it." Some students are putting in five to ten amazing garments.

Di Wichern, a fifth year apparel design major, could possibly be one of the busiest people on campus and in the apparel design program. Along with being the studio design committee head and student liaison, she is in charge of the hair and make-up for the show and has her own line in the show. So, shouldn't she be stressed?

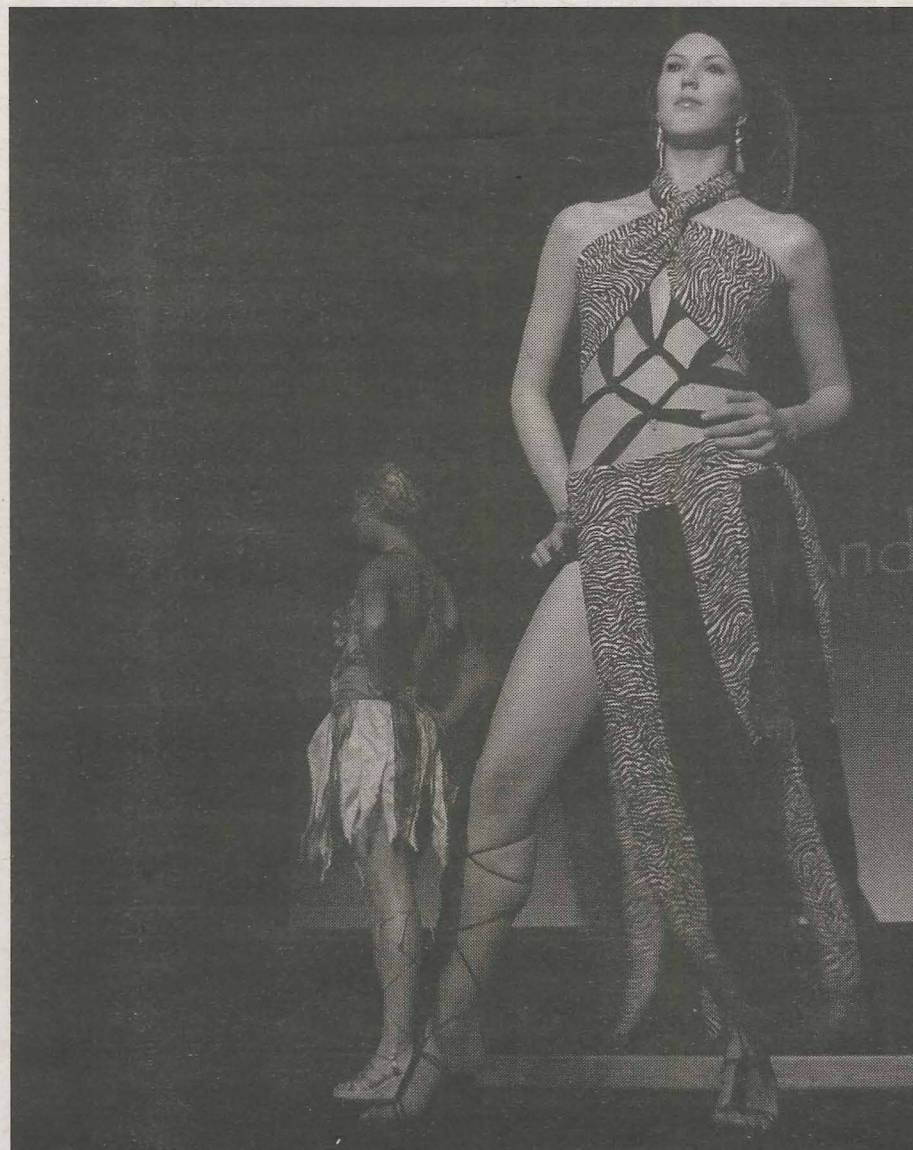
"As apparel design students, we've been taught to deal with stress!" said Wichern.

Wichern is very experienced with the show as she has been a model and a designer for the past two years.

Props are also given to show advisor Professor Kathy Kwana.

"She has high expectations," says Wichern, "She pushes you to be better than you think you can be."

The Silhouettes 2007 spring fashion show will take place in the Memorial Student Center's Great Hall. The student show is April 25 at 8 p.m. Admission is \$5. The public



From the Stoutonia archives '06

Artistic talent comes in many forms, and at UW-Stout, students give others a chance to wear some art. The Silhouettes Fashion Show will feature the designs of fashion design students.

show is April 29 at 1 p.m., and admission is \$10. Another public show and awards ceremony will be at 5 p.m. on the same day, and

admission is \$15. Tickets can be purchased at the Memorial Student Center Service desk or by calling 232-1122.

Alumnus' book proves Wisconsin a scary place

Katie Kenner

Entertainment Writer

University of Wisconsin-Stout grad Chad Lewis visited Menomonie on March 19 to talk about his book, "The Wisconsin Road Guide To Haunted Locations."

The free, hour-long presentation sponsored by Menomonie's Bookends bookstore, drew around a dozen interested people and featured pictures and accounts of haunted places in Wisconsin, including Menomonie's Own, Devil's Punchbowl, JTC Hall and the Mabel Tainter Theater.

The Wisconsin Road Guide To Haunted Locations is one out of five books he co-authored with Terry Fisk which feature different haunted locations in states including Iowa,

Illinois, South Dakota and Minnesota. The books contain pictures, case history, eyewitness accounts, ghost lore and directions to the location.

Lewis received both a bachelors and a masters degree from UW-Stout, including his Master of Science in applied psychology. Lewis' initial undergraduate study was on UFOs, and gradually his interest turned to other paranormal events.

He now has over 14 years experience in investigating paranormal activities and is a paranormal investigator for Unexplained Research, LLC based out of Eau Claire, Wis. He also is a research specialist for Mutual UFO Network and also works with BLT Crop Circle Investigations. Lewis is the host on The Unexplained television and radio show on the

Eau Claire Public Access channel. Over the years Lewis has been to many places investigating paranormal activity, including trips to famous spots like Transylvania, Area 51, Loch Ness, Deadwood and New Orleans. He has tracked the Chupacabras in Puerto Rico and Bigfoot in Canada. Although Lewis has been to hundreds of locations over the years, he has yet to experience the paranormal event each location is famous for.

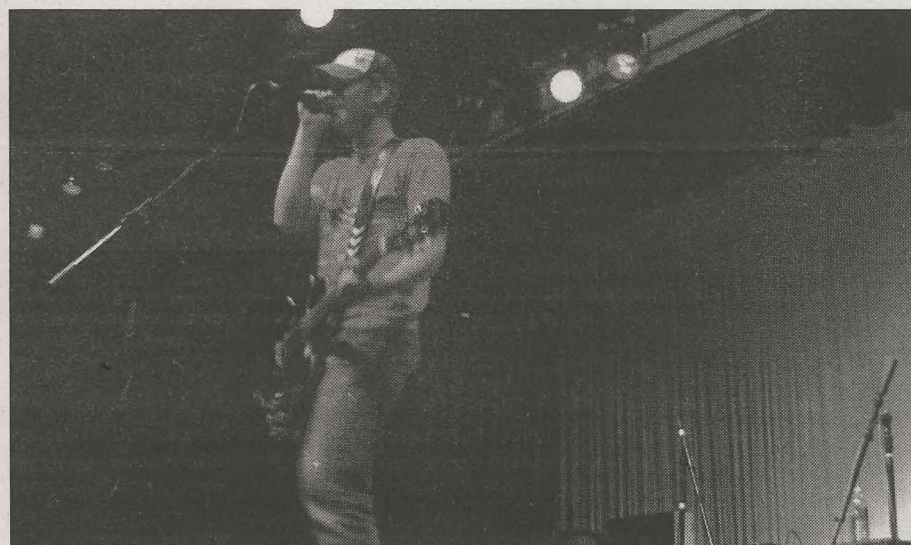
"The Wisconsin Road Guide To Haunted Locations" is an excellent resource to make any college student's road trip complete. In fact, there are many places close enough in the area to visit on just a day trip. The book can be purchased at Bookends bookstore or online at www.unexplainedresearch.com

The battle for rock 'n' roll fame begins at UW-Stout

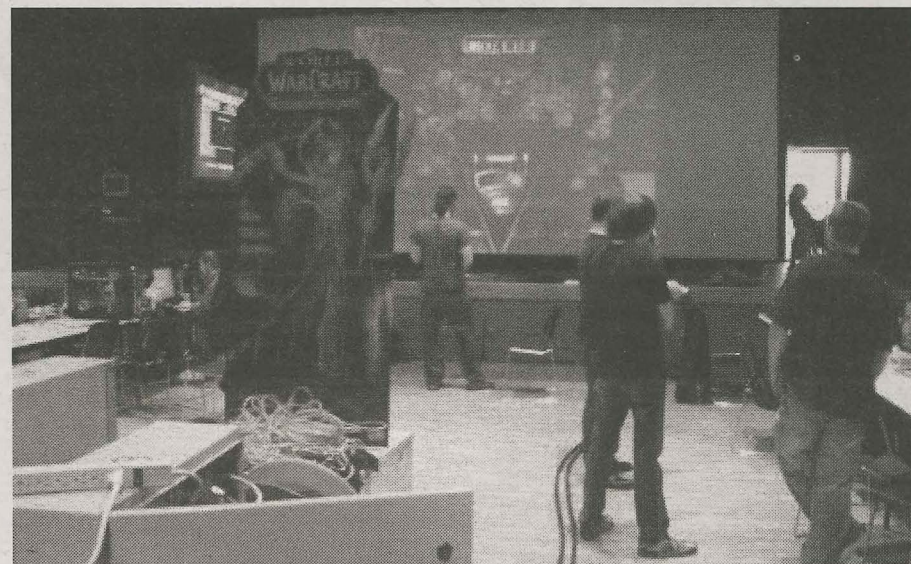
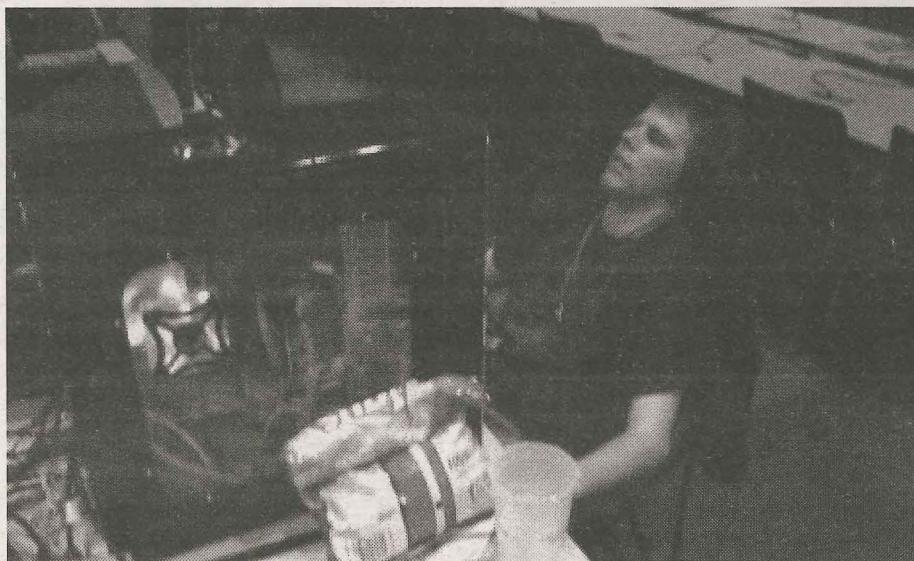


Drew Retherford/Stoutonia

Wednesday, April 4, the American Marketing Association put on Battle of the Bands. Eight musical groups performed at the competition for a healthy-sized crowd of UW-Stout students. These bands included the trio Profuse, an energetic hard rock and alternative metal-fusion band from Somerset, Wis., and Double Guaranteed Groove, a two-piece banjo and acoustic guitar-playing duo from Menomonie. Third to grace the stage and third to place in the competition was When Thoughts Reside (pictured above right). Formed in the fall of 2005 in a dormitory, the band is a versatile group comprised of UW-Stout boys. Tearing up the stage was Paint in Red, a four-piece group also comprised of UW-Stout students. Also appearing were The Limns, who won second place in the competition. Notable acts were Aaron Haughland and new to-the-live-stage outfit From Whence You Came (pictured immediate right). The champions of the battle were aEstyria (pictured above), a six-piece band based out of Minneapolis, Minn. Band members include Jim Kozlowski, James Sanders, Jerry Achu, Anthony Wicklund, Jamal Carlson and John Keefe. aEstyria won a gig at the Stout Ale House. With their energetic riffs, melodic choruses and intense breakdowns. aEstyria released their first album titled "One Unity" which features five songs. Rock on!



Hours of gaming is enough to leave anyone "pwned"



Source: pong.uwstout.edu

The People's Organization of Network Gaming hosted a 37 hour-long April Fool's Local Area Network (LAN) party March 31 through April 1 in the Great Hall of the Memorial Student Center. There were over 100 hardcore gamers in attendance from all over Wisconsin and Minnesota. Each LAN event that PONG has hosted has grown progressively larger and more popular, with various game consoles, monument-sized computers with freaking huge LCD screens of doom and destructioning which displayed the numerous first-person shooter games such as FEAR Combat, Counter-Strike Source and Halo 2. Throughout the night it was common to see die-hard nerdlings passed out at the keyboard, exhausted from the Bawls come-down and hours of endless gaming. There was a huge projector screen that displayed games such as Guitar Hero II and Pong in gigantic proportion.

Cornmeal isn't just for good eatin' anymore

Matt Houdek

Entertainment Writer

It's not very often that one finds a band that incorporates everything from jazz, rock n' roll, funk, country, disco, bluegrass and blues and does it all on the banjo. The Milwaukee-based nationally touring act, Cornmeal, however, does exactly this with an astonishing proficiency and a dynamic edge.

In the past ten years bluegrass and string music have returned the national spotlight, bringing back the New Grass Revival feel spearheaded by the virtuosic mandolin playing and unique bluegrass perspective of Sam Bush. Bush brought a whole new edge to the banjo-friendly music by integrating rock n' roll cover tunes and extended improvisational jams. Bands such as the String Cheese Incident, Yonder Mountain String Band, Railroad Earth, Nickel Creek and now, Cornmeal, never would have existed as they do today if it wasn't for Sam Bush's influence and artistic vision.

After six years and over 175 shows, playing big name festivals and sharing the stage with such big name acts as The David Grisman Quintet, John Hartford, Yonder Mountain String Band, Little Feat, Leftover Salmon among others, Cornmeal is beginning to carve out a niche in the jamgrass/newgrass genre. They could almost be considered more of a rock band than they could be considered a bluegrass outfit, and like other bands influenced by the New Grass Revival era, there sound continues to evolve into something much greater than what Bush, "The King of Newgrass," first envisioned.

When they came to the Stones Throw in Eau Claire, Wis. on Saturday, March 31, a new sound was exactly what the people in

attendance expected to hear. With an excellent rendition of the Beatles "Rain" (a track which was originally released as the B-side to "Paperback Writer" in 1966), starting out the night, Cornmeal made it clear that the night's music was going to be far from that of traditional bluegrass.

"Trimming the Fat," a Cornmeal original instrumental and the forth song of the night, is what really got the crowd involved and where the night truly began with regards to musical fullness and intensity. The shredding fiddle work of Ally Kral and the power picking of banjo player Wavy Dave Burlingame really are what brought this piece alive as they effortlessly danced in and around each other's respective phrases. The crowd responded with thunderous applause.

Krar's fiddle chops sound like what Stevie Ray Vaughn would sound like if he had picked up the fiddle before he found the electric guitar. Deeply rooted in rock and blues, her playing takes the band to a new level, adding rich improvisation to an already-heavily jamming outfit. Holding down the rhythm and keeping the vehicle between the lines, so to speak, is the tight and powerful rhythm section comprised of upright bassist Chris Gangi and drummer JP Nowak. The intelligent guitar work of Kris

Nowak and the mean banjo playing of Wavy Dave add just the right flare to the group as they pass solos around the stage expertly and jam with one another as though they were an extension of the same mind. In fact, it is this style of group-mind improvisation that makes

backstage, they admitted that they were as surprised as their audience when they started playing the song, saying that it was in fact the first time that they had ever attempted it in a live, or any other context.

With a powerful first set and a second set punctuated by Krar's psychedelic fiddle work on the Cornmeal original, "The Road," a stellar rendition of the Simon and Garfunkle tune "Slip Sliding Away," and a show stopping version of their original "Hillbilly Ride," Cornmeal truly delivered a musical treat. Coming out one last time at the demands of the chanting crowd, Cornmeal played an absolutely perfect version of the Doobie Brothers' song "Long Train Running," nailing everything from the screaming solo to the dynamic four-part harmony as though it were nothing more than taking a step.

Cornmeal will be playing many festivals this summer including Illinois' Cavefest, Summercamp and Universal Rhythm Assembly, New Jersey's Camp Jam in the Pines, Missouri's Bearcat Festival, Michigan's Niles Bluegrass Festival, the ever-growing Wakarusa in Kansas, Kentucky's Terrapin Hill Family Reunion, and Grateful Fest in Ohio. For more information on Cornmeal or to see their complete schedule, go to www.cornmealinthekitchen.com.



Source: cornmealinthekitchen.com

Cornmeal the band that they are.

At one point, right in the middle of the traditional song, "Molly and Tenenbrooks," Krar began playing the lead part to the Ted Nugent song "Stranglehold." Within the first two bars of her solo the rest of the band hopped on board for a full rendition of the classic Nugent tune in full rock 'n' roll fashion. In speaking with the band after the show

Sometimes, simple explanations don't suffice

Matt Houdek

Entertainment Writer

A lot of readers have been asking lately about what a jamband actually is, but there really isn't a set definition of "jamband," as it is a term that embodies several different styles and subgenres of music. The best way to approach this is to give a brief history of the evolution of the head genre and to point out a few of its varied characteristics.

The jamband genre was inadvertently founded by the Grateful Dead in the mid-'60s and was carried on by Phish after the death of Jerry Garcia in 1995. Phish, like the Grateful Dead before them, developed a devoted fan base that followed them from show to show. Both bands were defined by the improvisational nature of their live shows, their intense and rigorous touring schedule, their ability to incorporate many different styles of music into their repertoire, and by their constant effort to change the format of their show night by night.

With the retirement of Phish in 2004, the jamband scene has grown exponentially. Now, the jamband heading is simply a term that describes the bands that aren't willing to conform to the strict construct set by the mainstream rock and pop scene. For bands, the jamband scene is appealing due to the extensive fan base that supports live music, allowing them to tour and play in front of an open-minded and music hungry crowd that isn't just there to hear one or two hit songs, but rather to experience them as a band.

With groups that range from the newgrass/bluegrass sound of the Yonder Mountain String Band, the trance/club music of The Disco Biscuits and Sound Tribe Sector Nine, the progressive rock sound of Umphrey's McGee and the jazz/funk tunes of Medeski, Martin and Wood, it is truly a difficult task to put a specific label on what a jamband is.

Many pop bands in the late sixties and into the seventies are now known as classic rock bands on today's radio stations. Howev-

er, they would probably be called jambands if they were on the greater music scene today. Bands such as Cream, The Band of Gypsies, Santana, Yes, Led Zeppelin, The Who, Deep Purple, Zappa and the Mothers of Invention, despite their presence on the airwaves, truly were defined by their bold performances. Sometimes Cream's sets would consist of only four songs, hinging much of their live performance on improvisation (aka, jamming).

Today, instead of Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton, Keith Richards, and Jimmy Page, we now have the dynamic guitar shredding of Widespread Panic's Jimmy Herring and the late Michael Houser, Umphrey's McGee's Jake Cinniger, Gov't Mule's Warren Haynes, Derek Trucks of The Derek Trucks Band, and Steve Kimock of SKB and Zero. Perhaps the styles have changed, but the intensity is right back to that same high voltage level, melting faces and taking no prisoners, solos that transcend the

commonly conceived limitations of what six strings are truly capable of.

Recently on the jamband scene, it has almost become a trend to not jam at all. In fact, the bands seem to be gravitating toward a style of music that could bridge the gap between mainstream music and jamband music one day.

Is it truly a surprise that we should now experience a rebirth of rock n' roll, inviting the screaming, melt-your-face guitar solos, the driving, rolling bass runs, the jazz oriented drummers that can pound their skins for extended solos night after night back to the stage?

I think not.

It is due time that this outrageous and culture-defining music be brought back to the people. If you haven't experienced a good jamband show yet, perhaps now is the time. For more information on jambands or to find out what's available to all you music hungry folk out there, visit www.jambands.com.

Ozzfest is now free | And the gates of hell freeze shut from the recent cold front

Katie Kenner
Entertainment Writer

"This will change everybody's impression of the way touring in the summer in America should be." --Sharon Osbourne

Ozzy and Sharon Osbourne, along with tour producer Live Nation, announced on February 13 that the 2007 Ozzfest will be free. That's right - there will be no charge for tickets. The 25 day tour starts July 7 in Los Angeles, Calif.

Sharon Osbourne noted that Ozzfest ticket prices have steadily climbed over the years to the point that many fans could not afford them. The biggest drive behind free Ozzfest is to open up the possibility for more people to attend it.

"We want the kids to be able to afford to come out and have an incredible experience," said Sharon Osbourne. "If we continued with the traditional touring festival model, we would have no choice but to raise ticket prices again this year."

Mrs. Osbourne is hoping that bands will consider performing at Ozzfest as an opportunity for exposure, even if there is no ticket revenue. Mrs. Osbourne also added that she doesn't expect bands to play all summer for free, and has invited them to play a few shows without the summer long commitment.

"We're reaching the same point we did years ago when kids no longer wanted to pay for overpriced CDs," said Mrs. Osbourne.

UW-Stout theater update

Jenna Wojan
Entertainment Writer

Gordon Schwinn is a young musical composer struggling in New York City. Old story, right? A little reminiscent of RENT? Wrong. "A New Brain," which opens April 18 at the University of Wisconsin-Stout's Harvey Hall Theater, is a musical written by James Lapine and William Finn. In the musical, Gordon is confronted with a terminal illness, as well as a personal crisis. The musical is based on Finn's personal experience with sickness.

"This musical is a metaphor for our everyday lives," said director Paul Calenberg. "We struggle and stumble, and then somehow manage to recover and emerge with renewed hope."

Laura Drew, A junior hotel and tourism major playing the part of Gordon's mother, described the play as modern, raw, and very real.

"It doesn't hide anything," said Drew.

The majority of the play takes place in a hospital, where the songs come alive in his imagination. The off-Broadway musical is chock-full of energetic production numbers and musical styles conducted by music director Mark Pruett, with names like "I'm Poor, Unsuccessful, and Fat" and "Homeless

"As a result, they found alternative ways of getting music."

According to Jason Garner, the president of Live Nation, Ozzfest has been made the most successful rock music festival in the United States because of the fans.

"What better way to say 'Thank You' to the music fans who have made this possible than inviting them to attend Ozzfest for free," said Garner.

Some wonder where this funding will come from since annual gross sales from the concert is \$19 million with \$35 to \$150 tickets. To compensate on the lost income generated from ticket sales, tour producer Live Nation is asking corporate sponsors to give a little more this year than in the past. Additional revenue will come from food stands and merchandise sales.

Bands already booked for this year's Ozzfest include Lamb of God, Lordi, Hatebreed, Nick Oliveri, Nite, Ankla, Circus Diablo, The Showdown, 3 Inches of Blood, Haath, and In this Moment.

Another surprise in this year's Ozzfest is that Ozzy will once again be headlining the tour. Ozzy will be singing new songs that are from his forthcoming album due out this summer. This album will be the first with new material since 2001.

The tour will be hitting East Troy, Wis. on August 12. To get your free tickets to Ozzfest for this summer visit www.ozzfest.com or www.livenation.com.

Lady's Revenge."

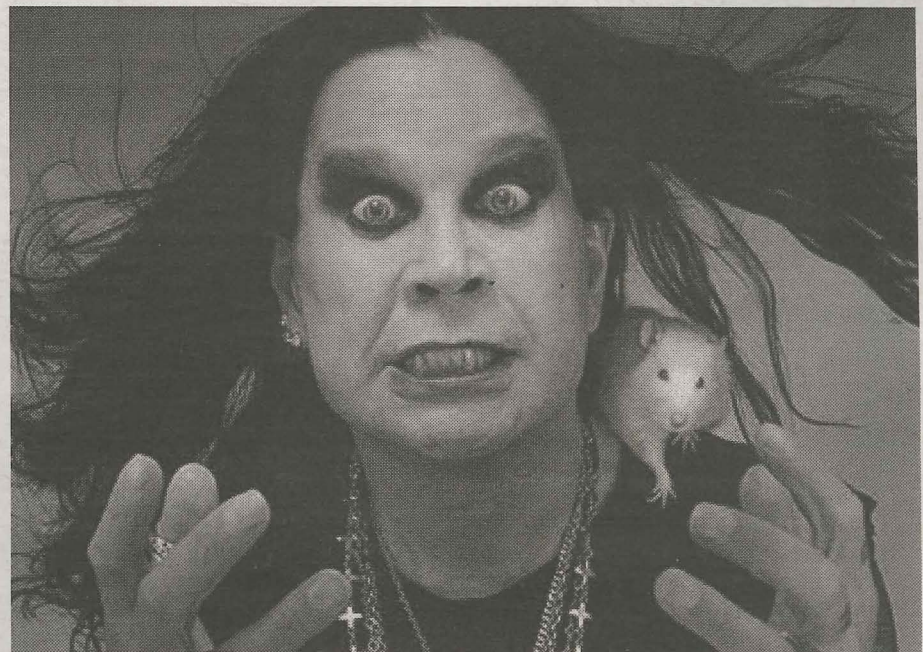
Auditions were held in February, as well as staffing the backstage help. All together, 75 students and staff make up the cast and crew of "A New Brain." Including Deb Seluig, in charge of costume design, and Jim Pitroski advising lighting.

Jon Bice, a sophomore in hotel and restaurant management, returns in the starring role of Gordon. Last spring, he starred as Jesus in "Jesus Christ Superstar." Although he doesn't know whether or not he may be returning next year for another production, Bice is very excited for this musical.

"Paul Calenberg and Mark Pruett make a good match of talents. They keep a very light atmosphere while producing a good show," said Bice.

"In the end, 'A New Brain' proved to be an eclectic amalgamation of theatrical genres," said theater critic Kelly Rizzetta. "A little comedy, a little drama, a few moments of grim defeat followed by outstanding accomplishment. The play struck just about every chord in the spectrum of human emotion, but mostly, it was inspirational."

"A New Brain" is set to run April 18 through April 21 at 7:30 p.m. in Harvey Hall Theater. Tickets cost \$10 and can be purchased at the Memorial Student Center Service Desk.



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The ABCs of spring | The promise of warmer weather brings a lot of healthy options

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Ashley Smolen

Food Columnist

Spring, according to the calendar, is officially here. Life is coming back to Menomonie and beyond the city as well. It is soaking back into the land, and soon enough, crisp vegetables and sweet fruits will be abundant once again. As the early days of spring continue, a new palette awaits eager mouths; one that not only satisfies the taste buds, but nourishes the body as well. Spring is the perfect time to appreciate the simple things in life and with the help of perhaps the most simple of all things—the ABCs, the wonderful culinary masterpieces that spring entails will be best presented.

Arugula—"The Food Lover's Companion" by Sharon T. Herbst refers to this leafy green as a "bitterish, aromatic salad green with a peppery mustard flavor" (26). This flavorful green is a wonderful addition to fresh green salads.

Brussels Sprouts—the reason why so many noses turn at the suggestion of this vegetable is that few have ever had properly cooked Brussels sprouts. Too many times, these mini-cabbages are cooked far too long, yielding a quite undesirable taste. Cook until just tender, not soft. Try serving with a light cheese sauce or garlic butter.

Cheese—cheese is wonderful with a variety of foods. One of its better and perhaps not as well known pairings, however, is with apples. Cheese with apples is a very popular French cuisine and this snack is gaining a reputation nationwide. Simply slice cheese and apples and pair them together. Some combinations are better than others, so play around!

Duck—a popular meat, duck is a great alternative to chicken or beef, both of which may become a bit redundant with time. Duck is somewhat high in fat, but is also a good source of protein. It can be found at some grocery stores, the local meat stores (such as Menomonie's Cut Rite), and some providers of specialty foods (try Asian markets).

Eggs—so much more than just a breakfast food, eggs are great at all times of the day. Try scrambled eggs with cheese, fresh vegetables and other condiments wrapped in a flour tortilla to create an egg burrito that is a healthy and very delicious meal that will maintain a feeling of fullness and satisfaction for hours.

Farmers' Market—the local Farmers' Market begins the first weekend in May. This is a great opportunity to not only find the freshest fruit, vegetables and homemade goods around, but it also provides an opportunity to support the local farmers and experience just how great fresh food is. After attending just once, there is no doubt that subsequent visits are sure to follow.

Green—the primary color of spring, be sure to incorporate green into one's diet. Green leafy vegetables are full of Vitamin C and antioxidants, as well as a wide array of flavors. A good rule of thumb to keep in mind—the more colorful the diet, the healthier it is.

Hero—otherwise known as a sub sandwich, Heroes are a great way to incorporate fresh meat, veggies and bread into one's diet.

Ice cream—with warmer weather comes the ability to enjoy this treat more thoroughly. Try flavors mixed with fruit, such as cherries or peaches. For a sweeter approach, buy a gallon of plain ice cream, and find toppings to satisfy both the sweet tooth and the soul!

Jell-O—this popular dessert can be used in everything from salads to desserts and even beverages. Jelly-O can be found sold in individual serving sizes or in boxes, which take a bit of time to make, but are so worth the wait! Take a trip back into childhood and make some Jelly-O jigglers. It's hard to eat without a smile!

Kebob—kebobs are a fun and versatile meal idea that allow for a bit of creativity and fun eating style. Use either chunks of meat and veggies, or use pieces of fruit dipped in chocolate for a great variation to utilize this fresh idea.

Lettuce—with so many varieties available, lettuce makes for a great salad, an addition to sandwiches, or topping to other dishes. However, beware of lettuces such as iceberg, which is primarily comprised of water, and does not offer as many nutrients as other varieties, such as Romaine.

Melon—though many melons are not at the peak of their season until late summer, look for early varieties in the local grocery stores. Eating melon for breakfast is a great way to start the day. Melon also makes for a great snack, and is also wonderful when blended into smoothies.

New—spring is known for the sense of "newness" that enters with the revitalization of the world. Use this as an opportunity to try new foods and dining experiences. What's the worst that could happen?

Orzo—this pasta is about the size of a grain of rice and is a twist on an old favorite. Orzo tends to be very light, and goes well with ground Italian sausage and fresh herbs. Use as one would pasta, and experiment with sauces to compliment the unique texture.

Parsley—amongst the most well known of fresh herbs, parsley makes a bold statement in various dishes. Do not, however, neglect the other herbs that are returning to market shelves. Do remember that fresh herbs are much stronger than their dried counterparts; a little goes a long way.

Quick—one of the greatest things about spring cooking is that it is often quick. The use of fresh fruits and vegetables eliminates the need for much cooking or prep work. Keep the cooking methods simple. The flavors of spring foods are unmatched by any other. They truly speak for themselves.

Red—is another color to keep in mind during the spring months. Many red variations of apples, cabbages, onions and other foods can be found. The vibrant color makes for impressive presentation without changing familiar flavors.

Savor—take the time to truly enjoy fresh food. Have a picnic or a cookout. Slow down, and actually taste all that springtime has to offer.

Together—some foods are even better together than apart. Try new combinations, or stick to old favorites. Treat meals as an opportunity to bring great food and people together.

Upside-down cake—yet another way to incorporate fresh fruit, upside-down cake is a wonderful variation of dessert, which may use any kind of fruit. Peaches, pineapple and apples are amongst the most highly recommended. Look for these cakes at stores, or take the time to make one. The results will not disappoint!

Vegetarian—don't be afraid to stay away from meat for a meal or two. Vegetarian cook books offer simple, flavorful and easy recipes that satisfy any appetite. Vegetarian dishes are also available pre-made; look for them in the aisles along with other convenience foods.

Water—help the body to rejuvenate itself by drinking, and eating more water. Many fruits and vegetables have high water content. This is not enough to support the body, however. Drinking ample amounts of water throughout the day makes for a healthier, happier person. Tired of flavorless water? Look for flavored waters or low calorie powders to enhance this essential beverage.

X-perience and x-periment—these two terms should be consistent in one's vocabulary. Break free of monotony and routine, and look for new flavors and places to dine. Try to incorporate at least one change every day or so.

Yellow—a third and final color to look for, yellow peppers, squash, beans, onions, bananas and pears are all fabulous sources of color and added sweetness. Rather than look to processed sugar to satisfy, look to vibrant yellows, which are both aesthetically and flavorfully appealing.

Zesters—invest in this handy kitchen gadget. The zest (colored part of a fruit's rind) of citrus fruits is a great way to liven a variety of desserts and entrees. The added vibrant color is great for presentation, and the added taste is one that makes for a very memorable and very tasty dish!

Regardless of how one chooses to embrace spring, be sure to appreciate it while it's here! Taking into consideration the ABCs of spring, it's simple to see that enjoying this wonderful season is as easy as, well, 1, 2, 3.

Adventurers headed to Alaska for summer kayak trip

By Becca Oosterhouse
Sports Writer

The breathtaking scenery, mountains, waterfalls and whales are just some of the things that will be enjoyed by those participating in this summer's sea kayak trip to Alaska.

This trip, taking place June 3 to 10, will be the second one that Stout Adventures has taken to Alaska's Prince William Sound.

Stout Adventures is a part of University Recreation.

"We provide outdoor educational and recreational opportunities to the entire student body, faculty and staff and the surrounding Menomonie community," said Tim Mertz, coordinator of Stout Adventures.

There are four different programs that Stout Adventures operates, including the indoor rock climbing, the climbing wall, and the programs for trips and clinics.

During this year's trip, students involved will have the chance to "paddle next to seals, whales and walruses," something that most people will never experience.

"Students will gain a new appreciation for the world they live in. Alaska opens eyes, warms hearts and creates memories," said Mertz.

Stout Adventures provides all equipment, transportation in Alaska, kayaks, lodging, permits and guides for \$815.

The students have to come up with money to cover airfare and food.

To reduce the amount of money spent, participants are put into small groups to share the cost of food as well as the cooking.

Students are encouraged to stay a week longer if they want to explore Alaska on their own.

One of the reasons that Prince William Sound was chosen for the trip is because this is an area that Mertz is very familiar with.

When living in Whittier, Ala., he guided sea kayak trips through this same area.

According to Mertz, "Alaska is also a place everyone should experience at least once in their life. The region is still evolving. Wildlife and marine life are plentiful, glaciers are still carving mountains and the scenery is breathtaking."

Views of mountains, wildlife, whales and waterfalls make everything else seem miniscule.

Although this will be the second time that Stout Adventures has traveled to this area, they will be traveling farther south.

The route will again align with the return trip that Humpback whales take after



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Stout Adventures provides outdoor educational and recreational opportunities to the entire student body, faculty and staff and community.

living in warmer waters during the winter. Through 23 hours of daylight, the whales make themselves at home in Prince William Sound for the summer months.

In addition to the Humpback whales, pods of Orcas, Dahl porpoises and seals also frequent this area.

The seals use the ice in the water to hide as they hunt for fish.

"We will also paddle into fjords lined with Tidewater Glaciers," said Mertz. "These glaciers are constantly shedding their ice as it plunges hundreds of feet into the very same waters we are paddling. At times it feels like you are paddling through a margarita as icebergs float right next to your kayak."

According to Mertz, "Students gain a first hand experience by exploring one of the last frontiers."

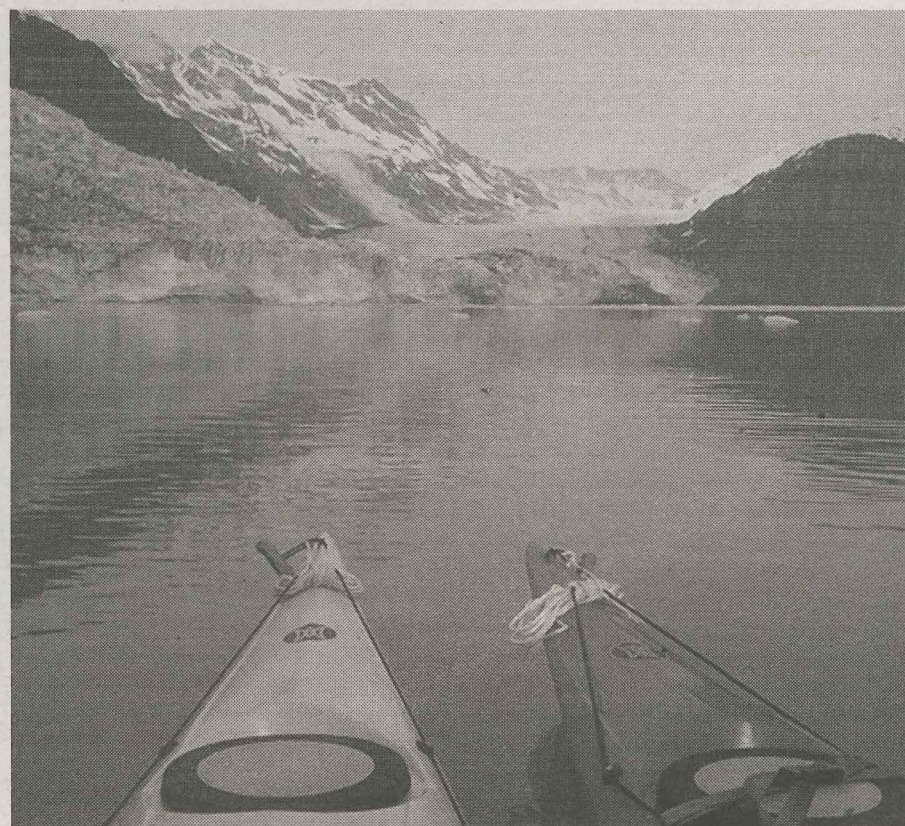
"This trip truly is one of a kind and nothing in the lower 48 states compares. After experiencing Alaska your view on the world changes forever."

Five spots remain for anyone who is interested in going on the trip.

Once these five spots are filled, registration will close.

If interested, students should register by April 16 and will have to pay \$815.

If there are any students who register after this date, the price will raise to \$915. Registration for the trip ends April 25.



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Blue Devil gymnasts set records at NCGA

Highlights

Blue Devils receive recognition after their seasons have ended.

Women's Basketball

Senior Kelsey Duoss was named the most valuable player on the University of Wisconsin-Stout women's basketball team. Duoss is a two-time WIAC player of the year and two-time first team All-American.

Senior Savannah Oltjen was the most valuable offensive player. This season, Oltjen was a first-time WIAC pick and was second on the team with points.

Junior Lindsey Geissler was named the most valuable defensive player. Geissler was first on the team in steals with 47 and was consistently scoring points throughout the season.

Hockey

Coach Terry Watkins, after leading UW-Stout to their best-ever finish 21-5-2 and first ever NCHA title, was named the honorable mention DIII coach of the year.

Junior goalie Mike Stone was named to the West Region, second team pick to the RBK Hockey D III Men's All-American team. Stone was also a first team all-NCHA and all-WIAC selection and NCHA player of the year finalist.

Sophomore defenseman Jack Wolgemuth was an honorable mention pick. Wolgemuth was named to WIAC first team and as an all NCHA first team selection.

Freshman defensemen Bobby Kuehl and freshman forward Scott Motz were named to the West Rookie team.

Motz was the team's leading scorer with 18 goals and 18 assists. He set the record for most assists by a first year player, was named to the WIAC first team and was an honorable mention NCHA selection.

Kuehl was named to the WIAC first team and was an honorable mention NCHA selection.

Men's basketball

Senior center Jacob Nonemacher was named to the D3hoops.com West Region third team. Nonemacher led the team in rebounds and was named to the all-WIAC team.

Women's Cross Country

The women's cross country team was picked as a whole to the 2006 D III US Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association All-Academic cross country team. The team had a combined GPA of 3.278.



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Junior Ashley Timm and Freshman Meghan Hargens earned All-American honors at the NCGA national championships. Both girls set records for UW-Stout gymnastics.

By Casey Nold
Sports Editor

As the gymnastics season started, head coach Becky Beaulieu had high hopes for her young, talented team. Beaulieu took the head coaching job last year and was the program's third coach in three years.

"There is a lot of rebuilding," said Beaulieu. "I was pleased with how the season ended."

With one junior, no seniors and all underclassmen, they did very well, considering.

This young team, with a very strong freshmen class, accomplished many goals that can help them to continue to rebuild the program and send the girls to nationals.

In a meet against the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, the team had the three top finishes on the balance beam, which led to a new team scoring record.

The girls took a one-tenth loss to UW-Oshkosh, who went on to win the national title, ending the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse's five year winning streak. The team also broke the standing all-around record.

Junior Ashley Timm, a retail merchandising management major from Eden Prairie, Minn. and freshman Meghan Hargens, undecided from Rosemount, Minn. both made ap-

pearances at nationals in the all around.

"It is pretty exciting just knowing that this whole season was worth it, said Timm. It was great to see my hard work pay off."

Timm was seeded third going into nationals. After a fifth place finish on the balance beam, Timm became the second ever University of Wisconsin-Stout gymnast to earn first team all-American honors in that event.

"I was surprised and excited that I achieved the place I did, said Hargens."

Hargens placed fourth in the all-around and earned all-American honors in the event. Hargens scored a school record which led to her advancing to the individual finals in two events.

"Going to nationals was a great experience for me and I was really happy that I shared it with my good friend Ashley Timm," said Hargens. "I was so proud of how well we did."

Beaulieu was pleased with how both girls did at nationals.

"Hargens, a first timer at a college nationals seemed really nervous and quiet," explained Beaulieu. "It was really unusual of her. But after her first competition, she was great the rest of the day."

After she nailed the vault, Hargens

went on to earn three personal bests out of her four routines. She blew the school record for the all around out of the water from a 37.1 to a 37.625.

"As a team, we didn't put it together on the day of nationals, said Beaulieu. We lost to UW-Oshkosh by a tenth earlier in the season, so we were close."

Plans for next season have already begun. Beaulieu is counting on this year's team and is pulling in girls she thinks will really help make the program grow.

"We have six good recruits coming in and the freshmen have a year under their belts so next year will be a solid rebuilding year," said Beaulieu.

"I would like to see our team go farther in terms of winning more meets because we were so close to some teams this year," said Timm. "It would be nice to make it to nationals as a team next year because I think we have to potential."

The Stoutonia goes big or goes home



Blue Devil SCOREBOARD

Blue Devil Baseball

8-9 The baseball team lost four straight games against UW-Oshkosh April 1 and 2 in back to back double headers. The first game of day one was close 6-5, but the second game was a shutout with the Titans 20 runs to UW-Stout's 8. Day two was close as well, but they couldn't pull out a win.

Next game: hosting UW-Superior April 9 and 10.

Women's Track & Field

The women's track and field team took 2nd of 7 teams on Saturday, March 31 at the Elmhurst Invite. The girls will travel to Gustavus Adolphus Saturday, April 14.

Men's Golf

Men's golf is back in the swing of things. Their spring season started with a meet at the Loras College Duhawk Invite in Peosta, Iowa. They placed 17 of 22 teams. Junior Geoff Pirkl placed thirteenth and sophomore Marc Nickolaus placed fourteenth. Next game: Friday, April 6 and 7 at Augustana College.

Gymnastics

Gymnastics: The gymnastics team ended their season sending junior Ashley Timm and freshman Meghan Hargens to NCGA championships. Timm earned first team All-American honors on the balance beam with a fifth place finish. Hargens earned All-American honors by finishing fourth in the all-around.

Blue Devil Softball

7-6 The softball team took Ripon College to five innings in both games on Monday, April 2. UW-Stout won 9-1 and 8-0. The games had been postponed twice, but the outcome was in their favor. The last two wins ended the team's three-game losing streak.

Next Game: Monday, April 9 in a double header hosting Northwestern College.

Men's Track & Field

The men's track and field team will compete this Friday, April 6 at UW-River Falls for the first time since spring break. The guys last competed at the Dill Indoor Championships, which marked the end of their indoor season.

Baseball loses four straight games to UW-Oshkosh | Softball wins two straight games | Men's and women's track back in action this weekend

Coach Watkins has big plans for fledgling golf program

By Casey Nold
Sports Editor

With one meet under its belt, the men's golf team is back to finish their season and complete the second year of a new golf program.

After the golf program was reinstated last year, the team was ranked 18 of about 61 schools.

Since there are only two UW schools that offer golf, the University of Wisconsin-Stout plays on an independent schedule. The guys compete against a lot of schools from the Midwest.

"I am ecstatic that golf is back; the golf team was part of the reason I transferred here," said senior Troy Arfsten a golf enterprises management major. "We expect great things for the rest of the season. We need to be in the top eight to get into nationals so we will need to play well to qualify, but it is not out of reach."

Although the guys are excited for the rest of the season, head coach Terry Watkins has his sights on improving the new program quickly.

"We have to get better; it's a brand new program," said Watkins. "We are trying to get better and we are. When you build a program you figure out where you are and where you want to be and we are progressing very nicely."

One thing that could hold the team back from a good start to the second half of their

season is getting back into the swing of things after the seven month break.

"The break in the season is alright, said freshman Steven Jonas, a golf enterprises management major. "However, it does take a little toll on the game and when spring rolls around you have to work hard quickly to get back in action. Golf is fun though, and it is not supposed to be easy all the time."

The team doesn't have a set practice schedule from the end of their season in October until the spring before their season starts again. They have to find their own way to stay in shape over their break.

"The guys were hitting balls this spring," said Watkins. "A lot of players go out on their own and play. It's tough right now, it would be nice if we could play golf indoors but we don't. Everyone is on a level playing field and dealing with the same thing right now."

The guys are back on a normal practice schedule now and they have been practicing on local courses to improve their game. This weather has been interrupting their practices, but they are anxious to get out there.

Watkins is really trying to push this program. They had a great end to last year's season and are trying to work off that.

"All the students on the team are from campus," said Watkins. "There is a lot of interest from kids around campus and when more people join we will get better. We are spending a lot of time recruiting. The kids know what it takes to compete now and

when we start adding new players, we will get better."

Watkins also mentioned that the team is on track with where they want to be. This season started out nicely and the players are doing fine now.

"One goal is to be ranked in the top 15," said Watkins. "The guys are working hard enough to get there."

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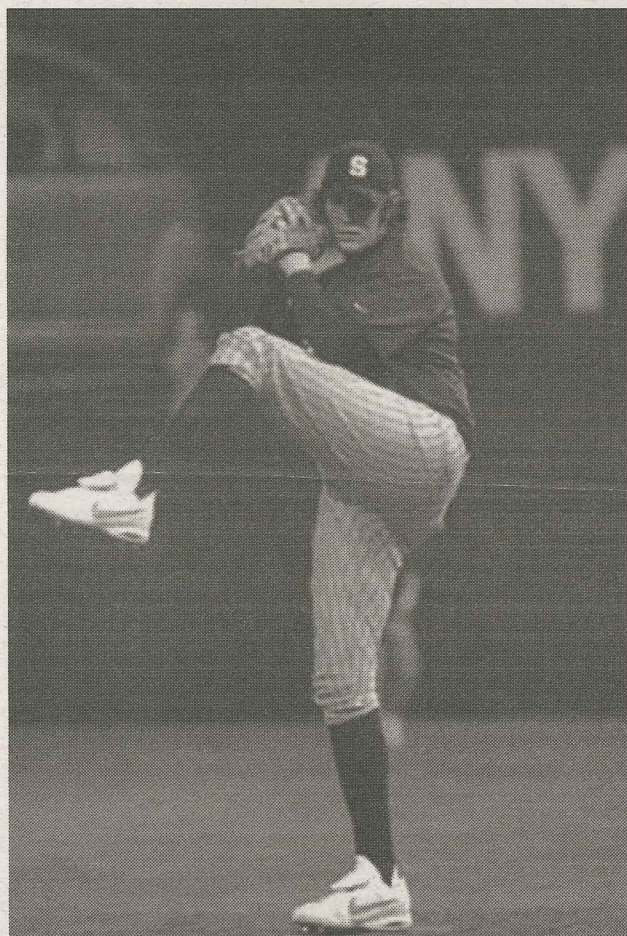
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Blue Devil baseball still feeling good (despite .500)



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The baseball team started the season off good, but are in a rut. They took four straight losses to UW-Oshkosh.

By Josh Parshley
Sports Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout baseball team has been kicking up the dirt lately. The team currently has a record of 8-9. Even though the team is playing about .500, they are still feeling pretty good.

"We have had our ups and downs as a team so far this season," said freshman Greg Smolinski, business and marketing education major. "But overall, we have played well this season and look to continue that."

The team started off the season pretty well, by splitting games with St. Oalf and St. Thomas. Both teams are nationally ranked in the division, which made splitting the games that much better. During all this time, the team was not able to play

at home, but instead they played at the Metrodome in downtown Minnesota.

Before the team got a chance to play on their home field, they tallied up a total of 13 games. While on the road, the team held a record of 8-5. However, even with the good-looking record, the team still knew there was work to be done.

"The team has been working on offensive and defensive drills and game situations," said junior Mike White, a business management major. He explained how the team is always striving for improvement. He also said that the team was well-prepared for the season due to the captains practices on a daily basis.

While the team started off the season very well, they have hit a wall as of lately.

The team was finally able to play at home this week, but could not pull out a victory.

The team was shutdown in all four games against the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

UW-Stout came closest to winning during their first game, but during the next two games, UW-Oshkosh seemed to blow them away.

Finally, in the last game, UW-Stout was trailing by three in the ninth. The team was able to pull in one run, but unfortunately, that's all they would get.

"We have been off and on so far this year," said senior Luke Schultz, technology education major. "We will come out and play really well one night and then not so hot the next."

However, Schultz believes they are starting to play as a team now.

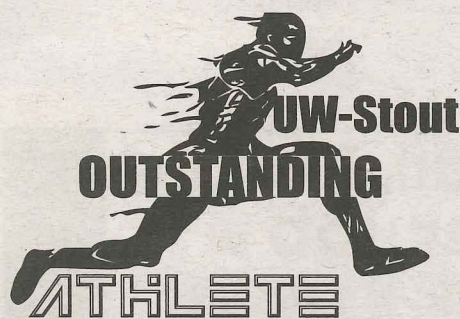
The team is putting it together, which should lead to improvements in their game.

He mentioned how when something is wrong, the team will not stop working until the problem is fixed.

The baseball team is keeping its chins up, sitting in sixth place in the WIAC. Although the team has hit a winning drought the past four games, they are ready to take on the University of Wisconsin-Superior.

The April 5 and 6 games against UW-Superior have been postponed to the 9 and 10, and weather permitting, the team will host the double header hoping that home field advantage will work in their favor. UW-Stout takes the field at 1 p.m.

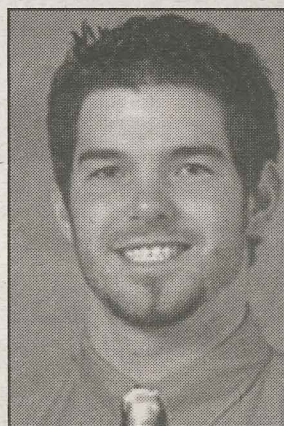
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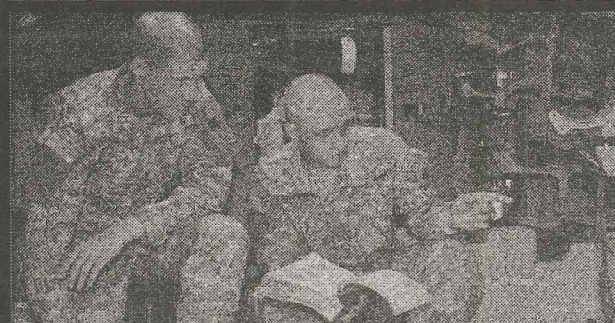
Seth Maier

First baseman on the baseball team, Seth Maier is the UW-Stout outstanding athlete. Maier is a senior from Park Falls, Wis. studying business administration

Last week in four games Maier hit .692 and went 9 for 13 at the plate with eight runs scored and six runs batted in. He had two doubles, a triple and three home runs for the week. Maier had a stolen base which set up the game winning run against Macalester. On the season, Maier is batting .424, going 25 of 59 with 14 runs batted in. Maier is the all-time leader in doubles with 41.



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Community

Thursday, April 5

- Managing Your Web Presence and Visibility workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. 4th Floor, Library Learning Center

Friday, April 6

- Spring Holiday, No Classes

Sunday, April 8

- Easter

Tuesday, April 10

- Classes Resume
- Taste of Spring QFP Meal. 11:130 a.m. to 1 p.m. Corner III, Third Floor, Home Economics
- Cover Letters and Profession Communication workshop. 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. 4th Floor, Library Learning Center
- Eating Disorders: The Storm Within by Rachel Quast. 6:30 p.m. Ballroom B, MSC
- Gravity Never Sleeps - Outdoor Rock Climbing Anchoring Systems Class clinic. Pre-register by April 9th by 4 p.m. Classroom: April 10 and 11 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Outdoor Instruction at Devil's Lake April 13 - 15. Cost: \$45 student, \$75 community. Stout Adventures

Wednesday, April 11

- Resume workshop. 10:10 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. 4th Floor, Library Learning Center
- Food Sensory Evaluation Taste-Sampling. 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Room 252, Home Economics
- SSA Executive Debates. 7:30 p.m. Great Hall, MSC

Thursday, April 12

- Job Search Strategies workshop. Noon to 1 p.m. 4th Floor, Library Learning Center
- Room Change Process for Fall 2007. 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Price Commons

Saturday, April 14

- Benefit Thrift and Bake Sale. 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Raw Deal, Menomonie

Sunday, April 15

- Benefit Thrift and Bake Sale. 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Raw Deal, Menomonie

Monday, April 16

- Centennial Celebration. 3 p.m. Library Learning Center
- Interviewing workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. 4th Floor, Library Learning Center

Tuesday, April 17

- How to Find a Co-op/Internship workshop. 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. 4th Floor, Library Learning Center
- Dialogue Series on Affirmative Action: "Hate Speech." 5 p.m. Ballroom B, MSC
- Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority All You Can Eat Sloppy Joe Dinner. Cost: \$6. 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Menomonie Leisure Center, Menomonie
- Camp Cooking clinic. Pre-register by April 16. Cost: \$5 student, \$10 community. 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Stout Adventures
- One in Four. 6 p.m. Room 210, Applied Arts

Wednesday, April 18

- Portfolio Information workshop. Noon to 1 p.m. 4th Floor, Library Learning Center
- Wrong Side of the Tracks. 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Ballroom B, MSC

Thursday, April 19

- UW-Stout Research Day 2007. Need to be pre-registered. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. MSC
- Cover Letters and Profession Communication workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. 4th Floor, Library Learning Center

Entertainment

Thursday, April 5

- Knowing Jobe, and Downtown Brown - music. Cost: \$5. 9:30 p.m. House of Rock, Eau Claire
- Electronic Dance Music featuring DJ Jason Van Nurden, DJ Tanner, and DJ Curtis Reed. 10 p.m. Stones Throw, Eau Claire

Friday, April 6

- Joe Pinero Vince Lombardi - play. Cost: \$16 students and seniors, \$18 adults. 7 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie
- 5th Annual BAS Benefit Show: Jim Pullman Band, Bill Boles and Bronson Bergeron, EC Blues All Stars, Frozen Tundra, and Prihota - music. Cost: \$5. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. House of Rock, Eau Claire
- Bernard Allison, and Pete Neuman and the Real Deal - music. Cost: \$12 advance, \$15 at door. 9 p.m. Stones Throw, Eau Claire

Saturday, April 7

- Yata and Dave JaVue - music. Cost: \$10 students and seniors, \$12 adults. 7 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie
- Rocket 88 - music. Cost: \$3. 9 p.m. Stones Throw, Eau Claire
- The Vile Red Reunion Show, with All Fear Aside, Mors Mortis Machinatio, and Cwn Annwn - music. Cost: \$5. 9:30 p.m. House of Rock, Eau Claire

Monday, April 9

- Connie Johns Dixieland Jazz Band - music. 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Stones Throw, Eau Claire
- Jazz Jam by The Adam Braatz Quartet - music. 9 p.m. Stones Throw, Eau Claire

Wednesday, April 11

- Particle, and Space Rangers Reunion - music. Cost: \$12 advance, \$15 at door. 9 p.m. Stones Throw, Eau Claire

Thursday, April 12

- Trip to Action City in Eau Claire. Cost: \$15 Bus leaves at 6 p.m. 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- Tommy Johnagin - comedian. Cost: Free with Stout ID, \$1 public. 8 p.m. Grandview Terrace, MSC
- Irie, and The High Crimes - music. Cost: \$5. 9:30 p.m. House of Rock, Eau Claire

Friday, April 13

- Shouting Matches featuring Brian "The Sink" Moen and Justin Vernon, Orestus, Helliphant, and 3 Pill Morning - music. Cost: \$5. 9:30 p.m. House of Rock, Eau Claire
- Ragin' Cajun Wapituti Party featuring Copperbox - music. Cost: \$3. 9:30 p.m. Stones Throw, Eau Claire

Saturday, April 14

- Minnesota Sports and Entertainment Career Day. 3:30 p.m. Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul
- Phoenix - music. Cost: \$3. 9:30 p.m. Stones Throw, Eau Claire
- Herbal T and NB, and Pat McCurdy - music. Cost: \$7. 10 p.m. House of Rock, Eau Claire

Monday, April 16

- Connie Johns Dixieland Jazz Band - music. 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Stones Throw, Eau Claire
- Jazz Jam by The Adam Braatz Quartet - music. 9 p.m. Stones Throw, Eau Claire

Tuesday, April 17

- Local H, and Scott Lucas - music. Cost: \$10 advance, \$12 night of show. Doors open at 8 p.m., show starts at 9:30 p.m. House of Rock, Eau Claire

Wednesday, April 18

- Food Sensory Evaluation Taste-Sampling. 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Room 252, Home Economics

- Are You Smarter Than a 6th Grader? 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Lower Level of MSC
- Spring Musical: A New Brain. Cost: \$10. 7:30 p.m. Harvey Hall Theatre
- Walkout - movie. 7 p.m. Room 210, Applied Arts
- Open Mic Night. 9 p.m. Stones Throw, Eau Claire
- The I Said It Comedy Showcase featuring Host Rio with Andy Eklof, Mr. Head, Verbally Viscious Josh Denny, Kevin Craft, and the "Don" Daryl Horner - music. Cost: \$3. 9:30 p.m. House of Rock, Eau Claire

Thursday, April 19

- Spring Musical: A New Brain. Cost: \$10. 7:30 p.m. Harvey Hall Theatre
- 5 By Design - musical. Cost: \$25 section A, \$20 section B, \$30 box seats. 7:30 p.m. Eau Claire Regional Arts Center, Eau Claire
- Brother Ali with Psalm One and More - music. Cost: Free with Stout ID, \$1 public. 8 p.m. Grandview Terrace, MSC
- Hip Hop Show: Eff'd Up, Fat C, and Frozen Tundra - music. Cost: \$5. 9:30 p.m. House of Rock, Eau Claire

Athletics

Thursday, April 5

- Baseball vs. UW-Superior. 1 p.m.

Friday, April 6

- Baseball vs. UW-Superior. Noon.
- Men's Golf @ Augustana College

Saturday, April 7

- Men's Golf @ Augustana College

Monday, April 9

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Friday, April 13

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Saturday, April 14

- Men's Golf @ Buena Vista Invite, Storm Lake, IA. 9 a.m.
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- Baseball @ UW-Whitewater. Noon.
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Sunday, April 15

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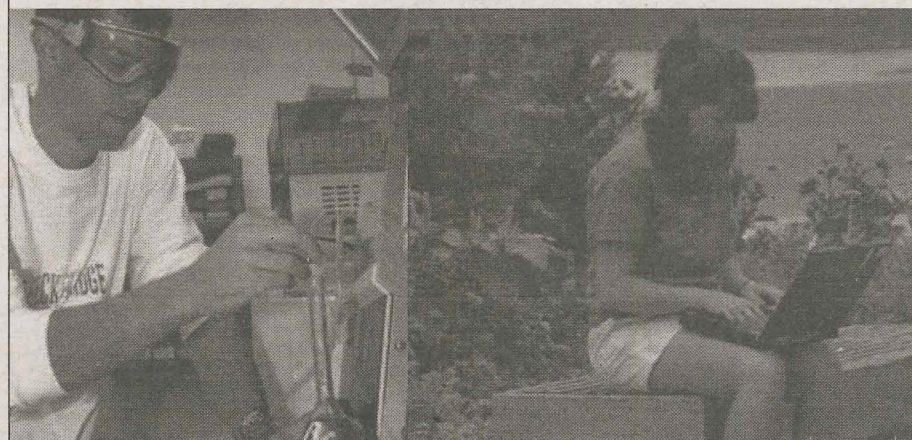
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1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #9	\$365	\$365	great location, includes WSG & heat, efficiency	A
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1 1	1218 1/2 9th Street	\$375	\$375	gas heat, upper duplex, great location	D
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #3	\$395	\$395	great location, includes WSG & heat, efficiency	A
2 1	115 Main Street West	\$380	\$190	Close to campus and downtown	3
2 1	915 1/2 Main Street	\$395	\$198	good location in duplex, w parking Avail. 9/01/07	D
2 1	2121 5th Street #A	\$420	\$210	Inc. WSG, washer dryer	4
2 1	2121 5th Street #B	\$420	\$210	Inc. WSG, washer dryer	4
2 1	619 1/2 13th Avenue	\$460	\$230	Inc. heat WSG hot water, excellent location	4
2 1	620 1/2 9th Avenue	\$480	\$240	close to campus, large nice rooms	3
2 1	635 Northern Meadows	\$620	\$310	Newer unit, washer/dryer, N. menomonie, detached garage	12
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3 1	2215 1/2 5th Street	\$545	\$182	spacious, many upgrades, good sized rooms, w/d	D
3 1	2215 5th Street	\$595	\$198	spacious, many upgrades, good sized rooms, w/d hookups	D
3 1	921 Main Street #3	\$600	\$200	good location, economical	4
3 1	321 13th Avenue West	\$600	\$200	Close to campus, washer dryer, big living room	H
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4 1	321 13th Avenue West	\$660	\$165	Super location, washer/dryer	H
4 1	921 Main Street #1	\$700	\$175	good location, economical	4
4 2	1509 South Broadway	\$800	\$200	lrg. House, nice location	H
4 1	121 1/2 12th Avenue West	\$800	\$200	large apartment, super location washer/dryer	D
4 1.5	121 12th Avenue West	\$800	\$200	super location washer/dryer	D
4 1	1600 10th Street	\$850	\$213	great house W/D hook-ups	H
4 2	1515 6th Street	\$850	\$213	spacious, close to campus, washer/dryer	D
5 2	1115 17th Avenue East	\$800	\$160	very lrg. Rooms W/D hook-up, newly remodeled	H
5 2	2006 5th Street #A**	\$800	\$160	washer/dryer very large, parking	3
5 2	405 20th Avenue East	\$850	\$170	great house washer/dryer garage, modern	H
5 2	1803 7th Street	\$950	\$190	washer/dryer parking, good location, large	D
5 2	408 18th Avenue East	\$1,000	\$200	washer/dryer, close to campus, great home,	H
5 2	1415 1/2 8th Street	\$1,000	\$200	fabulous newer construction washer/dryer	D
5 2	921 8th Street	\$1,000	\$200	washer/dryer, close to campus, great home!	H
5 2	121 13th Avenue West	\$1,000	\$200	large, super location. Washer/dryer	D
6 2	1402 8th Street**	\$700	\$117	washer/dryer gas heat good layout	H
6 2	504 10th Street**	\$900	\$150	W/D hook-ups, gas heat, large rms.	H
6 2	1603 7th Street	\$900	\$150	washer/dryer new carpet, very nice	H
6 2	115 17th Avenue West	\$1,100	\$183	house, location, washer/dryer Parking	D
6 2	1714 8th Street	\$1,100	\$183	large deck, gas heat, washer/dryer	H
6 2	115 1/2 17th Avenue West	\$1,100	\$183	newer unit, great location washer/dryer	D
6 2	1415 1/2 8th Street	\$1,200	\$200	fabulous newer construction washer/dryer	D
6 2	321 20th Avenue #C	\$1,200	\$200	new large bedrooms, washer/dryer	4
6 2	408 18th Avenue East	\$1,200	\$200	washer/dryer, close to campus,	H
6 2	921 8th Street	\$1,200	\$200	washer/dryer, close to campus,	H
7 2	220 12th Avenue West	\$1,050	\$150	Great location, washer/dryer/fenced yard	H
7 2	1321 2nd Street West	\$1,365	\$195	large house, 1 blk. from campus washer/dryer	H
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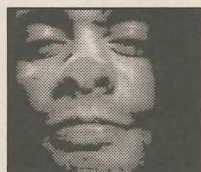
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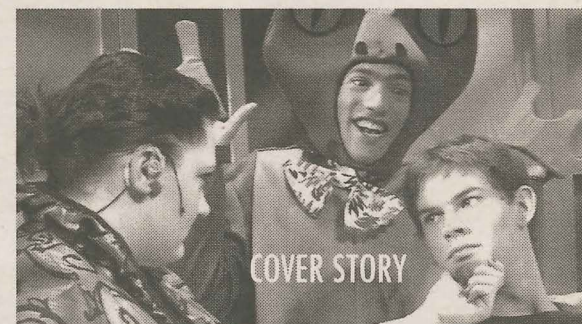
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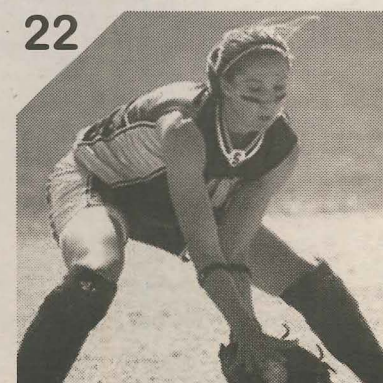
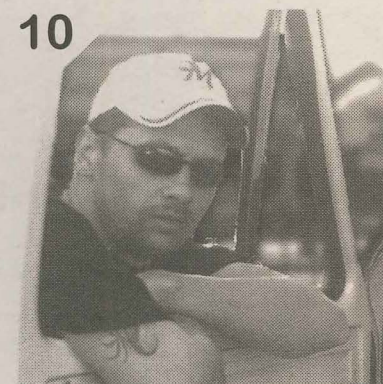
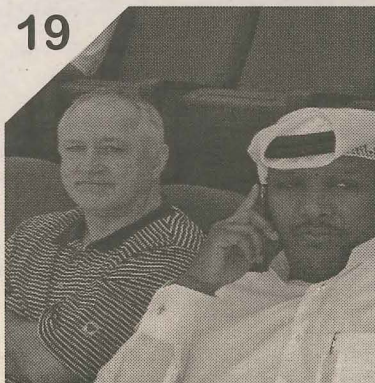
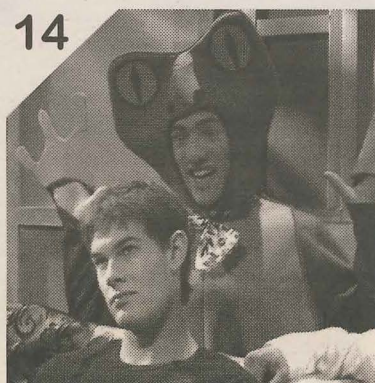
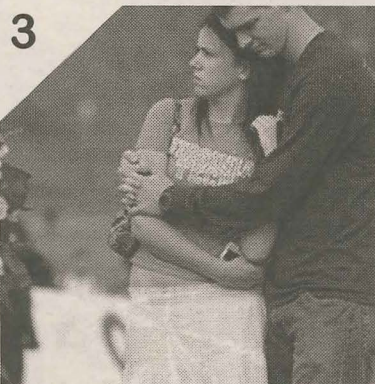
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UW-Stout crisis review plan good-to-go

In the wake of the Virginia Tech tragedy, UW-Stout reaffirms campus safety

Tony Nelson
News Editor

Governor Doyle directed the United States flag and the State of Wisconsin flag be flown at half-staff beginning April 17, and ending at sundown, Sunday, April 22 at all buildings, grounds and military installations of the state of Wisconsin. The act marks respect for the victims of the shootings at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Students and teachers, 31 in total, died from a gunman's shooting spree on the Blacksburg, Va. campus. The victims came from across the United States and abroad — Peru, Indonesia, India and ranged in age from 18 to 76.

Law enforcement officials released information on the Norris Hall gunman, Cho Seung-Hui, 23. Once Cho's identification was confirmed, Virginia Tech Police records were reviewed and it was determined that there was contact with Cho in the fall of 2005 for two stalking incidents and was referred to a mental health facility at the time.

In the wake of the incident, universities across the U.S. have been reviewing their security to ensure they could handle this type of situation. The University of Wisconsin-Stout Chancellor Charles Sorenson released a statement regarding questions about campus safety.

Sorenson said a "crisis response plan" is in place and is frequently reviewed and tested. After the recent shootings, administrators discussed any changes that need to be made. An overview of that plan can be found at www.uwstout.edu/crisis/index.shtml.

"I have full confidence in the training,



www.msnbc.msn.com

Two Virginia Tech students console each other after 31 students were killed and more than 15 injured after senior Cho Seung-Hui went on a shooting spree.

experience and ability of our full-time University Police Department to handle a crisis situation on campus," Sorenson said. Working closely with the Menomonee Police Department, the Dunn County Sheriff's Department, as well as police departments from other campuses, the campus police department gives UW-Stout adequate police protection.

Within the hour of the shootings, messages from students streamed online with many posting to their Facebook accounts to let loved ones know that they were all right.

Sorenson stressed the importance of laptops as communication links in case of cam-

pus emergencies. He said warnings would be sent by email to students, faculty and staff and asks to spread the word to others of any precautions they need to take.

Sorenson warned that despite having a competent campus police force, it is important to understand that we are an open, public institution.

"That means that each of us needs to be vigilant for situations that could be dangerous," Sorenson said. Report any suspicious activity to the University Police Department at (715) 232-2222 or 9-911 (from a campus phone).

Honoring those killed

Virginia Tech family members across the country have united to declare this Friday, April 20th, an 'Orange and Maroon Effect' day to honor those killed in the tragic events on campus Monday, April 16th, and to show support for Virginia Tech students, faculty, administrators, staff, alumni and friends.

'Orange and Maroon Effect' was born several years ago as an invitation to Tech fans to wear orange and maroon to Virginia Tech athletic events. Everyone from all over the country is invited to be a part of the Virginia Tech family this Friday, to wear orange and maroon to support the families of those who were lost, and to support the school and community the family members all love so much.

A great Web site that talks about ways to stay safe on campus, as well as other issues: www.paperclip.com/virginiatech.

If this incident has raised issues in your own life, feel free to avail yourself of the services at the University Counseling Center at (715) 232-2468. Services are free and confidential.

Ex-players may not be charged

MENOMONIE, Wisc. - Two former University of Wisconsin-Stout football players are unlikely to face trial on drug charges because a plea deal is in the works, according to the Dunn County district attorney.

"There are on-going negotiations," District Attorney James Peterson said during a court hearing on Tuesday.

Luke Steffen, a former senior linebacker from Greenwood, told police that people used his house in Menomonee "to use, buy, sell, package and store various controlled substances," including marijuana, cocaine and steroids, according to a police report.

He was arrested in December and charged with maintaining a drug trafficking place and three misdemeanor counts of possession of marijuana, possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Nicholas OrRico, junior linebacker from

Lodi, Wisc., told investigators that he purchased marijuana in the Twin Cities and sold it to his friends, a criminal complaint said.

He was charged with two felonies—manufacture and delivery of marijuana and possession of marijuana—and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

A third former UW-Stout football player, John Henry Freeman III, also faces drug charges after Steffen allegedly told police Freeman sold cocaine and marijuana out of his home.

UW-Stout and up to 115 other schools will participate in an NCAA pilot program starting next school year that will subject some of their athletes to random drug testing and require them to educate players on the effects of drug use.

—The Associated Press

SSA elections | The results are in!

The SSA Executive Elections took place Thursday, April 12. That morning University of Wisconsin-Stout students received an email directing them to an online ballot.

Despite a "slight malfunction" with the online ballots that was promptly fixed by 8:28 a.m., voter turnout for the election was more than double of last year's.

According to current SSA vice president Chad Johnson, 896 students logged in to vote, 819 of whom actually took the time to vote for everything on the ballot, including the United Council Referendum.

Last year the number of students casting their vote was in the 300s.

The executive staff of the 2007-2008 SSA are as follows:

- Michael Lubke for president.
- Courtney Manninen for Legislative Affairs Director.

- Andrew Mielke for Organizational Affairs Director.
- Gao Vang for Diversity Director.

Students also had the option to vote for UW-Stout's rejoining the United Council, a non-profit, non-partisan, student-run association committed to "enhancing the condition of student life and higher education in the state of Wisconsin by appealing to UW rulemakers."

The last time this referendum was put before students was two years ago, at which time students voted it down. This year the majority of students voted in favor of membership in the United Council.

SSA executive officers have scheduled a trip in the upcoming week to meet with the United Council at UW-Oshkosh. The officers attending are president-elect Lubke, Andrew Barrette, Courtney Manninen and Jennifer Traxler.

Welch-Deal honored as outstanding educator

Tony Nelson
News Editor

Molly Welch-Deal, an associate lecturer in the University of Wisconsin-Stout Department of Psychology, got the news she was honored as the UW-Stout Outstanding Educator for 2006-2007.

Welch-Deal was having a tough week. Family and friend's illnesses were weighing heavy. But she said the news a student shared with her was a "ray of sunshine" in her rough week.

Welch-Deal starts her third year at UW-Stout as an instructor this summer, but her association with UW-Stout started with her own education. She earned a master's of science degree in K-12 school counseling, and then a bachelor's of arts degree in psychology with a minor in sociology.

Working as a high school guidance counselor in Osseo, Wis., she soon realized



Molly Welch-Deal

she wanted to focus her attention in a different direction.

"I love counseling and working with students so much," Welch-Deal said. But during the everyday counseling she said she would give 150 percent and it was just exhausting. She thought she was doing a really good job of being effective, but she was thinking long term and how long she could keep up with the pace.

When she got the opportunity to work at UW-Stout, she said she jumped at the offer with a single thought in her mind. What a better way to make a difference then to fire up the students who will actually be working with the kids someday. Welch-Deal said she thought just maybe she'd have more impact or be more effective in training and getting the kids that will be in the field more excited.

"So instead of just me making a difference, I could help hundreds of people make a difference," Welch-Deal said.

Now, Welch-Deal is busy on campus three days a week teaching both graduate and undergraduate sections. Once a week, she does mental health observations for the

Wisconsin Head Start Association. Keeping her busy off campus is her husband, Brady Deal and two boys under 3-years-old, Cade and Carson. Add in two dogs and it is just busy she said. They spend much of their family time outside running around, laughing and having fun.

She also said she feels fortunate that she and her husband are real close with their extended family, having good relationships with parents and siblings. And that's important because her husband's family is in Hudson, Wis. and her family is in Menomonie, Wis. They spend a lot of time with their extended family.

"Family is definitely first," Welch-Deal said. "I love my job but family is definitely first."

The one thing that has always been important to Welch-Deal has been her goal to take care of the students. She said instructors hope they create or foster positive relations with everyone - with all the adults, faculty and staff, but her number one goal has always been to advocate for or just take care of the students. Receiving the news about the award was exciting because it comes from the students. When she heard she was being given the award, she said she felt like she was doing what she set out to do.

"It's a stepping stone [to obtain her goal]. Just last week I was talking to a few people asking, 'What can I do better?' I'm always looking for ideas on how to improve, but I just felt 'Wow, I'm on the right track.' It's pretty exciting."

Although Welch-Deal was having a rough week she kept a smile on her face, something her fellow educators have commented on.

They tell her she smiles and is happy all the time and that 'no one's really that happy all the time.' But she is and can easily explain why.

Welch-Deal said she is happy all the time because she is the kind of person who will only do something if she totally believes in it. She said there are certain things that she's really passionate about and so it's really easy for her to smile.

"I came through this psychology program as an undergraduate and I came through this guidance program and so when I'm in the classrooms talking to the students I'm not just a teacher, I honestly believe in this program and this university," Welch-Deal said. "So it's just really easy for me to smile and be happy - it's totally genuine. I just can't say enough about this program and the people here."

Community, students benefit from rain gardens

Danielle Bleck
Staff Writer

April 22 marks the 37th celebration of Earth Day. The daylong celebration was created to increase awareness about environmental issues. Although this is recognized within the last week of the month there are many things we can do year-round within our daily lives to be aware and knowledgeable about ecological matters and also things we can do to preserve our Earth.

This concept is what UW-Stout's Dr. Kitrina Carlson strives to instill in her Botany classes. In fact, she and her students are currently working on a project to do just that. They are in the process of putting together a demonstration rain garden for the City of Menomonie at the Moose Lodge.

The Marcy-Holmes Web site defines rain gardens as "depressions, typically planted with colorful native plants, strategically located to collect, infiltrate and filter rain that falls on hard surfaces like roofs, driveways, alleys, or streets to minimize negative impacts of excessive runoff from these surfaces on lakes and streams." They buffer waterways from storm-water runoff and filter pollutants. This runoff is rain water that flows from rooftops, lawns and pavement that runs through storm drains and back into our bodies of water. Pollutants such as road salt, pesticides, manure and various industry chemicals is all picked up along the way. Rain gardens provide a solution to pollutant runoff going

into waterways and contaminating water we use in our every day life. By creating these rain gardens students are helping the Earth, but they are also getting the opportunity to utilize what they are learning.

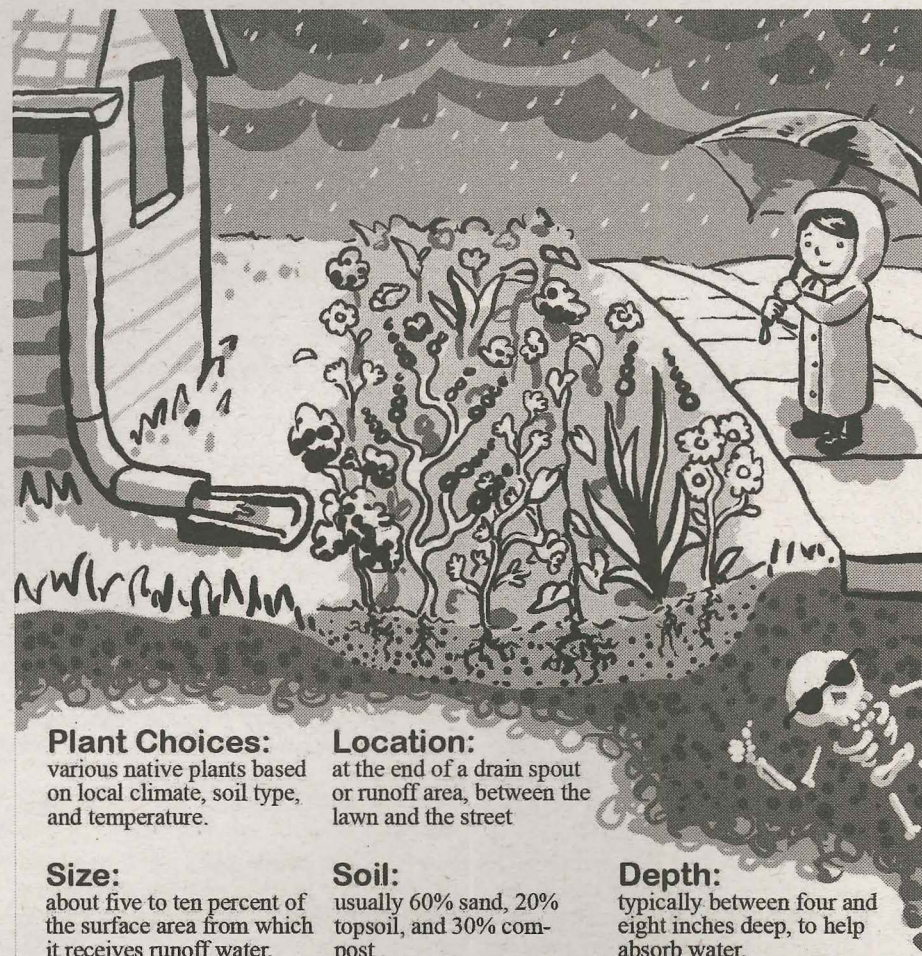
"We're interested in having the students apply what they learn in class and give back to the community," said Carlson.

There are rain gardens located around the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus and the Menomonie community. Two new rain gardens are proposed to be created South of Price Commons between the building and the parking lot to deal with the water runoff from the roof of Price Commons, which currently drains across the parking lot and causes icy conditions in winter and spring.

A second rain garden will be located on the east side of the Memorial Student Center. This rain garden will collect runoff from the roofs to keep the lower level sidewalk area from flooding.

The deep-rooted native plants the rain gardens are made of use the groundwater and are strategically placed for the purpose of soaking up rain water after heavy storms - a needed function outside of the Memorial Student Center so excess water wouldn't run and flood it. The rain gardens also are aesthetically pleasing.

For more information on how to design rain gardens, or how to get involved with cultivating a community rain garden, contact Kitrina Carlson in the UW-Stout biology department.



Plant Choices:

various native plants based on local climate, soil type, and temperature.

Location:

at the end of a drain spout or runoff area, between the lawn and the street

Size:

about five to ten percent of the surface area from which it receives runoff water.

Soil:

usually 60% sand, 20% topsoil, and 30% compost

Depth:

typically between four and eight inches deep, to help absorb water.

Hmong Awareness Week

Tony Nelson
News Editor

The Hmong Stout Student Organization will host Hmong Awareness Week starting Monday, April 30 and ending with the University of Wisconsin-Stout's 21st Annual Education Conference.

"It's a big eye opening experience for the people who aren't aware there are Hmong on campus or those who don't know anything about the Hmong culture," said May Lor.

Lor is just one of approximately 30 members of the HSSO, which was organized in 1988 to provide social, cultural and academic enrichment to its members and to bridge with other student organizations, as well as the surrounding community. With this event, they hope to get the word out to UW-Stout students and the surrounding community who the Hmong are and share their culture.

This year's conference, "Hmong Wedding 101: 'Txiv, kuv koj nyab los lawm'" will be held on Saturday, May 5 and consist of three workshops. "Understanding the Roles" will define the roles within a Hmong wedding and their duties. "Ritual Wedding Songs (Cov Zaj Tshoob)" will teach the meanings behind the sacred marriage songs. The final workshop, "What's Next?" will teach what and how to prepare for your wedding. The conference will include a mock wedding.

To start out the Hmong Awareness week,

a Hmong Cultural Show will act as opening ceremonies. There will be a presentation on who the Hmong are, a skit about the Hmong journey to the United States, traditional dance and music performances and a Hmong fashion show.

Tuesday's event will be the play "Stir-Fried Pop Culture" at 7 p.m. in the Great Hall of the MSC. The play is written by a Twin Cities writer and community activist, May Lee Yang. It is a play about how the Hmong culture has been presented at various events in the Twin Cities through humor and a twist of old and new culture.

Making egg rolls is the topic at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the CKTO's dormitory kitchen where you can learn how to make egg rolls and you get to eat them, too.

Social justice will be the topic of Tou Ger Xiong, a diversity consultant, comedian, storyteller, rap artist and actor. The workshop opens at 7 p.m. Thursday in the MSC Ballrooms BC and will address the recent Hmong issues and how the public viewed it in this interactive and informative event.

Friday will close the Hmong Awareness week in grand style with the conference featuring a mock Hmong wedding.

Participants can register for the conference or learn more about the HSSO and events by sending an email to hssso@uwstout.edu or visit them on the Web at www.uwstout.edu/student/hssso/index.shtml.

Dean to begin new role

Meyer to serve as liaison to state and federal gov't.

Robert Meyer, dean of the College of Technology, Engineering and Manufacturing, will serve University of Wisconsin-Stout in a new role beginning July 1.

Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen appointed Meyer the director of federal and state relations, working as a liaison between the university and federal and state agencies, elected representatives and other officials, to find financial support for the university's initiatives.

Meyer also will serve as director of the Stout Technology Transfer Institute, a role he held prior to becoming dean.

He will replace former director Joe Benkowski, who retired recently.

"Bob Meyer is an excellent fit for this position," Sorensen said. "He understands the great strengths of UW-Stout, he is passionate about using the resource base to drive economic development and he has strong interpersonal skills."

"Bob has long been an advocate of seeking more extramural funding for UW-Stout, and over the years he has established excellent contacts with federal and state agencies, key members of the congressional

delegations, and has an excellent grasp of what it takes to seek outside support."

Meyer said the recent designation of

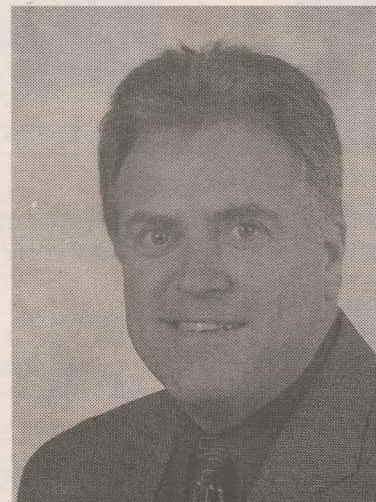
UW-Stout by the Board of Regents as Wisconsin's Polytechnic University "will provide a direction and focus for UW-Stout that will uniquely serve economic development in the Chippewa Valley and across the state of Wisconsin. I am passionate about my new role because the university is rapidly expanding its offerings in science, technology, engineering and math. This positions the university well to raise money to support projects that bring high-tech businesses

and employment to Wisconsin."

Under Meyer's leadership, the college faculty and staff prepared and implemented its first strategic plan.

Meyer earned a bachelor's degree in 1980 and a master's degree in 1983, both from UW-Stout, and a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1995.

He has been involved in academic advisement, program planning and curriculum development at UW-Stout and has considerable experience in research, technology transfer and outreach.



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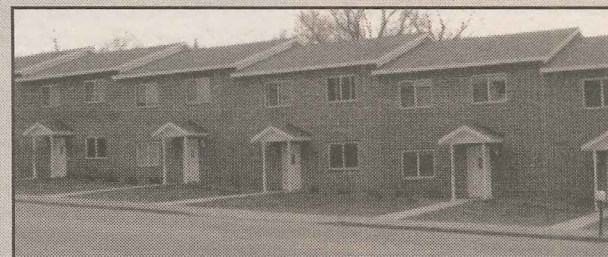
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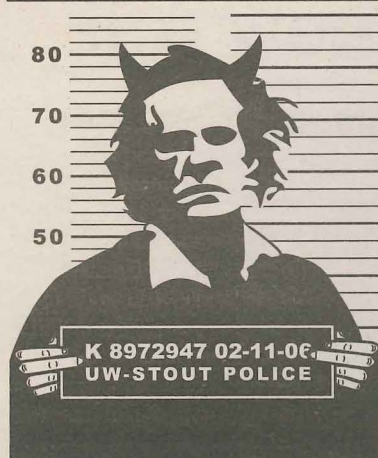
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Misuse of parking services: 2
Possession of Marijuana: 2
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If the van is rock'n, don't bother knock'

After finding an earring and a rubber in a step-van, a request was made On April 2 to have university police check the southeast entrance of the Memorial Student Center. UW-Stout staff suspects someone has been breaking into the step-van and having sex.

Laying burning pipes

The Menomonie Fire Department was called to the Applied Arts building on April 4 after a burning smell was reported. A small fire was found near a worker who had been cutting pipe. The flames were extinguished without major incident.

Mysterious puddle on bathroom floor causes mishap

A visitor staying at South Hall had an accident while using the bathroom in the middle of the night. It's not what you think. The visitor woke to the call of nature at 3 a.m. and slipped in a puddle of water on the bathroom floor, falling onto his left elbow. The cause of the puddle is puzzling since there are no toilets, sinks or showers in that area. The visitor was fine and the puddle was cleaned up.

No cracks about female drivers, please

A student witnessed a hit and run in parking lot 21 on April 5. A gold sedan with two female occupants and a Wisconsin license plate was pulling into a spot when it hit a parked green van with a Minnesota license plate. The driver of the sedan admitted to hitting the van but no charges were filed because there was no damage to either vehicle.

Citations Issued

April 9th to April 15th

UAD 1st- 5
UAD 2nd- 3
Operate Motor vehicle
without owner's consent- 1
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia- 2
Possession of Marijuana- 1
Possession of false ID- 1

Hungry? Why wait?

Several king-sized Snicker bars were taken from a cooler in the Expressway Cart in the Jarvis Hall Tech Wing on Thursday April 5 after 4p.m. Perpetrator is still at large.

And the closet gets a bit emptier

On April 13 a student in Wigen Hall reported that his three loads of laundry—which made up almost his entire wardrobe—had been removed from the washing machines. One jacket was valued up to \$160 along with many other expensive items. The student does not know who would have taken his clothing and the property is still missing.

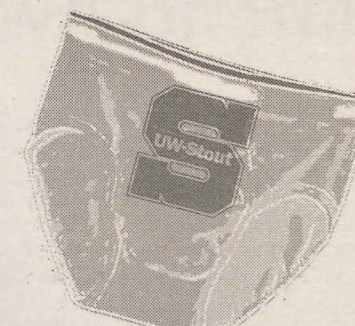
If you're going to rip someone off, shoot for higher than \$7.50

A student dropped her Stout ID card while walking through lot 9. Her hands were full and she said she must have dropped it without noticing. Later, she noticed six transactions on her card for \$1.25 each—probably vending machine purchases. She has cancelled the card and has no idea who has it.

Fashion show clothes stolen

Four garment bags from a student's trunk were stolen which contained items for next weeks fashion show. The car was parked in lot 14 near Millenium Hall. She doesn't know if the garment bags were taken out of her trunk or if they fell off the back of her trunk while she moved her car. The bags have her name on them and she has photos to identify them.

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UW-Stout library hits 100-year mark

The Library Learning Center at the University of Wisconsin-Stout is beginning a yearlong Centennial Celebration on Monday, April 16 as the opening event of National Library Week. A ribbon-cutting will be held at 3 p.m. in the lobby of the library. Other events include the first airing of a DVD contrasting the library of the past with that of the present; the publishing of a book celebrating the library's history; the viewing of posters depicting the growth of the library and UW-Stout; trivia contests; library tours and free food.

On March 20, 1908, James Huff Stout separated his schools from the Menomonie School System, creating the Stout Institute (later the University of Wisconsin-Stout). Shortly afterward, he hired Grace Darling to establish the first library on campus.

Students place first in networking design competition

A team of two students in the information technology management program took first place in a networking design competition at the Association of Information Technology Professionals National Collegiate Conference held March 29-31 in Detroit. This was the first year that UW-Stout attended the event.

Students Joe Waggoner of Menomonie, Wisc. and Ed Simson of Marshfield, Wisc. placed first in the competition ahead of more than 60 other university teams. Second and third place went to teams from Purdue University; honorable mention went to a team from Michigan Technological University.

Violence Prevention Project receives Voices of Courage Award

The Campus Violence Prevention Project will receive the 2007 Voices of Courage Award for Prevention Education from the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault. Lt. Gov. Barbara Lawton will present the award to John Achter, director of the Counseling Center, and Jessica Bryan, Campus Violence Prevention Project coordinator, Thursday, April 5, at the Wisconsin State Capitol Senate Parlor in Madison.

The Campus Violence Prevention Project has had an impact at the university despite its young life of just over two years. A campuswide survey and three focus groups determined needs on campus and gaps in services. More than 30 campus and community organizations have signed on as project partners.

Bryan has made presentations to dozens

of classrooms, at staff and faculty meetings, to athletic teams and coaches, to fraternities and to personal defense classes. She has formed partnerships with the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program, law enforcement and the criminal justice system. Bryan also is a board member for The Bridge, a domestic abuse and sexual assault agency serving Dunn and Pepin counties.

Alumni magazine wins design award

The alumni magazine has been selected as a winner in the 2007 American Inhouse Design Awards by the editors of Graphic Design USA. The alumni magazine, "Outlook," is produced by the Office of University Advancement.

More than 4,000 award entries were submitted for consideration and only 15 percent of entrants received recognition. Entries were judged on creativity, effectiveness, performance and success, as well as sensitivity to the challenges and constraints that inhouse designers face.

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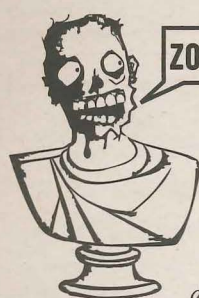
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Dear *Zombie Socrates*,
Are you a Democrat or a Republican?
Sincerely,
Politically Affiliated

Dear *Politically Affiliated*,
Since my death several thousand years ago, I've seen many stupid things, but nothing so wasteful or tiresome as political partisanship.

That said, I've also seen few leaders as dumb and unqualified as your current commander-in-chief. You can take that for what it's worth.

(I'm sorry if that offends you, but seriously, what can you do to me? They already made me drink the hemlock eons ago.)

Dear *Zombie Socrates*,
What do colors taste like?
Sincerely,
Duke

Dear *Duke*,
Colors can actually taste different depending on what kind of previous experiences you've had with food. For example, if you are presented with a transparent yellow liquid, before tasting it you may assume it will taste sour if you are used to consuming other sour yellow foods like lemons, or you may think it will taste sweet if you are used to eating sweet yellow foods like pineapples or apple juice. Blue and purple colors are avoided in most dyed food products because there are very few natural blue and purple food products, and many associate these colors with mold or food that is unfit to eat. Reds are also generally associated with spicy flavors, and shades of green often make people think of healthful and earthy foods.

Dear *Zombie Socrates*,
If there's a speed of light, what's the speed of dark?
Sincerely,
Generic Evil Scientist

Dear *Evil Scientist*,
I'm sorry to dissappoint you, sir, but there actually is no speed of dark, since dark is only the absence of light. Better luck next time.

Tragedy a chance for reflection

By **Jordan Chabalowski**
Guest Columnist

In the wake of the recent tragedy at Virginia Tech, we, as a people of this Earth, have an opportunity to reflect on the events surrounding us in everyday situations. From such a tragedy can come some deeply incredible amounts of growth. Even when the worst of situations occur, we as a people must be strong and choose to take the road of positivity. This is an important social lesson that is directly targeted at our generation! We must open our eyes to this and we cannot let it go ignored or remain complacent about it!

Talk amongst yourselves about this, for this is another defining moment in the minds of our generation. If we learn nothing from this incident, then those people died in vain! Embrace this opportunity for change within your hearts and minds! This event shows us that even the most meager interactions have drastic effects on those around us, whether we want to admit it or not. Every person we meet, share a kind word with (or a not so kind word with !!!), or even a mere glance, this has a drastic effect on those directly and indirectly involved.

Life is an intricate web of causation, action and reaction on both a macro and micro level. Actions of individuals have a trickle-down effect throughout all of mankind and the planet Earth as a whole.

Once we, as one people, can come to terms with this, the healing process of our global village, can truly begin. We must start to keep this global perspective in mind when interacting with the rest of the planet. We must begin to make strong decisions based on the good-hearted nature that I KNOW is within us all! We, as a people, must wake up to the love that exists within all of us. Why fight it? It is harder to love someone (especially in difficult situations like this) than to merely project fear and anger towards them. However, the ramifications of spreading that unconditional love, that kind word and turning the other cheek will have a far greater impact than any act of violence ever could! We can overcome this minor hurdle, but we must make a constant effort in our progression as a people!

It is a sad state of affairs that these important life lessons and reality checks (like on Monday) have to happen, but the education we receive from them is priceless! We just have to make it happen for no one is waiting on us anymore! Take initiative in your life and spread the internal love that is at the core of all of our beings. I know you all can do it. I have the utmost confidence in the potential of all of you that read this today! Embrace the sun on these beautiful days, for they are truly gifts from the cosmos (literally!!) Walk in love and forget the fear. It will only slow down your pace. Much love to you all, and have a lovely day!

A call for responsible, "non-littering" smokers

By **Kathryn Jacobson**
Guest Editorial

If you would go outside and look at the ground right now, I would guarantee that you would notice something a little disturbing. Cigarette filters. Not just a few cigarette filters (also referred to as butts), but hundreds of them. Has our society swallowed up the idea of smoking to become more popular? No, our society has just become lazy and does not take into consideration the disturbing effect that discarded cigarette butts on the ground has on our environment.

I cannot tell one to stop smoking because, being a casual smoker myself, I would be a hypocrite. But I can help other smokers learn from the research I have found to be a "smarter smoker," by taking care of our filters and helping our environment at the same time.

I was first convinced that there needed to be a change with how people discard their cigarettes when I was in speech class. One of my classmates explained the dangers of throwing away filters and the dangerous effects this has on our environment. I have to admit; being a casual smoker I usually never used the ashtray cans to throw away my filter. Yes, you can judge and be upset with the litter I have caused, but with my classmate's

advice, I can say I have changed into a more educated "camel light inhaler."

Listening to my classmate's research, I learned that there are many dangers from filters. The filters of cigarettes are made of a plastic that degrades slowly in the environment, and are designed to collect vapors as well as carcinogenic chemicals that smokers do not want in their bodies. These are cancer-causing agents introduced into the environment when smokers just drop their filters. Because cigarette filters are lightweight, they can easily move through our storm drains into our waterways and water supplies. Water will take the toxins from the filters and cause death to insects and other aquatic life. The water flea is an example of an insect that is truly affected by this litter. Water fleas, you might ask, why should we care about water fleas? Well actually, water fleas do help the environment by eating harmful bacteria in water. Every time I jump into a lake to cool off, I will be thinking of the water fleas that have already cleaned some of the bacteria from the lake.

Another danger of having filters on the ground is the chance that a young child could possibly be curious and eat one when found. The effects of a child finding and eating a cigarette filter include symptoms of nausea, lethargy, gagging and a pale

or flushed appearance. Nicotine ingestion among children can also lead to severe effects such as irregular heartbeats and seizures. According to U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 146 children aged six months to two years have ingested cigarettes or cigarette butts in the past year. This is a very disturbing fact. Because of our laziness and lack of care, children are getting sick from discarded cigarette filters.

Another big danger cigarette filters have on our environment is fire. According to the American Burn Association, about 900 people in the United States die each year in fires started by cigarettes, and about 2,500 are injured. This huge problem affects and changes innocent people's lives that do not partake in smoking. How is it fair for a family to lose a home from a careless smoker that cannot throw away their filters the proper way?

Some grueling stories I researched made me sick. In 1999, a driver in France threw a filter from the cab window. The smoldering cigarette ignited a fire inside the Mont Blanc tunnel that killed 39 people. Another disturbing story: In January 2001, a motorist driving along Interstate 8 in San Diego County flicked a filter onto the center median, sparking a fire that eventually burned more than 10,000 acres, destroyed 16

homes and charred 64 vehicles.

The last reason to throw away filters in a responsible fashion is obvious. I do not know why I was so naive before. The sight of the filters covering our ground is just disturbing. It is almost a waste to have ashtray cans at the UW-Stout campus, because from the looks of the ground, no one uses the trashcans anyway.

My question is why has our society become so lazy? Do people not care what their environment looks like? If you are a smoker or have friends that smoke please take into consideration the effects of littering filters into our environment. Not only can discarded filters cause death to small animals, endanger the health of toddlers and start horrendous fires, but they are also a disturbing sight to see.

Thanks to my classmate in speech class, I can proudly say I have become a "smart smoker," and have actually been cutting back my own smoking. Yes, smoking is a huge health risk, but it is not my place to tell you to stop. It is worth my time to tell you that with a little will power and responsibility for our actions, our environment can become beautiful and less disturbing to look at.

In defense of the Laptop Initiative

By Katie Kenner
Staff Writer

Editor's Note: The following is in response to "Some pointed questions about mandatory laptops," a guest editorial by Curtis Turner, which appeared in the previous issue of The Stoutonia.

Although Mr. Turner's argument was well presented I took offense at what seems to be petty complaining about a superb program at our college. In rebuttal:

The laptop provided to you is for SCHOOL WORK. It's not for your "personal digital media." That is what your own personal computer is for. I admit, I use my laptop for personal things, (music, movies, games, pictures and a website) however I have never run into a problem with storage, and had I had issue with it, I would never complain, as it is a privilege at this school to have this laptop and be involved in the e-Scholar program! Maybe all those World of Warcraft games I see downloaded and played in classes are the root of your problems!! Or perhaps you have a super computer at home the size of Wal-Mart's database and nothing can compare. In any case, many people are thrilled to come to

this school and be involved in this program.

The battery life of three hours, plus the fact that you have 2 batteries and a wall plug-in for which many classrooms have outlets to utilize, is to me, not small or inadequate. As you stated, you are far from a computer expert. This year's HP computers have 2GB RAM compared to last year's HP computers with 512MB, and you want more? A 60GB hard drive is not that bad either. You mention you transfer all your work from your home computer to your laptop because of issues with small keyboards and screens. The point of a laptop is its portable, small and lightweight.

If the e-Scholar program allowed you to get your own computer, you would run into many issues. To mention a few:

A. People would need to download all the software that comes preloaded on our computers with a keyserver; how would we monitor the usage of these programs, as we do now on Stout-issued laptops, and how would we be sure someone would not take off with those programs? As it stands now, we have THOUSANDS of dollars worth of campus software on our "hindrance" of

a laptop. More than likely you would be forced to buy it yourself.

B. Ask 5000 cannot be expected to know thousands of different computer technologies so that they can fix them. They are trained for the two that are deployed now. It

"You are not only paying for the laptop, but for services such as support, thousands of dollars' worth of campus software usage and Internet access."

is simpler for them and for us.

C. If something breaks, students can have it repaired quickly. With your own computer, you need to pay for it yourself. There would be no loaner computer for you as you wait, and what if you have no money?

D. How would you hook up your laptop to printers around campus? As of now I can plug my computer in at the dorm basements or at the photo lab and be able to print. How do you propose allowing all computers to have this capability?

These are just the start of the issues you would run into if students were allowed to buy their own computers of choice.

You say we pay \$4500 for an "entry level laptop," actually you are paying for two since you will refresh once in a 4-year program receiving a newer computer at your 2-year mark. You are not only paying for the laptop, but for services such as support, thousands of dollars worth of campus software usage and Internet access. This laptop is anything but entry level; when looked up a 512MB version of this laptop is \$1700-\$2300!

If our laptop is so inferior to your needs, you better buy your own. Or perhaps the more economical way would be to buy a 300MB external hard drive for \$100 and do us all a favor. And frankly, if you dislike the e-Scholar program so much then why bother going to Stout? Why not transfer elsewhere where they do not have it so you don't have to pay extra or haul that "hindrance" of a "paperweight". I think you should consider yourself very privileged to be going to this very futuristic Polytechnic College. As much as I would like to continue on with my argument, I have homework that needs to be done on this ol' "paperweight" of mine. Maybe it can hold my textbook pages down.

Recent overreactions show terrorists are indeed winning

By Tony Nelson
News Editor

Recently, a marketing promotion in Boston, Mass. appeared to have gone terribly wrong. The placement of illuminated cartoon characters throughout the city on bridges and overpasses and other locations brought the city to a standstill.

After investigation and a phone call from someone who recognized the cartoon characters, the officials found the bombs were only circuit boards with wires, lights and batteries, and the signs had been in the city for over two weeks. In connection with the placement of the advertising, two men were arraigned, pleaded not guilty and were released on a bond of \$2,500 for creating a panic.

The illuminated characters were part of a guerilla marketing campaign advertising Cartoon Network's "Aqua Teen Hunger Force." The 12-inch signs, resembling Lite-Brite boards, were placed in ten cities including New York, Chicago and Los Angeles. No charges were brought against Turner Broadcasting System, Inc., which runs Cartoon Network and Interference, Inc., the marketing firm, but both will pay \$2 million to settle the case with the city of Boston.

The media didn't miss a beat. CNN covered the event for two straight hours as police and bomb squads discovered a total of 38 of the boards around Boston. After the truth was discovered, the media began

and continued to refer to this incident as the "Boston hoax," although there is no proof the originators ever wanted to emulate bombs with the signs.

So who really won in this case? The city of Boston will be paid back for financial losses accrued when they released the hounds on the devices. The media did its job and got viewers. The two men arraigned will have celebrity status and a career boost as performance artists and will forever be known for the campaign. And although they had to pay an additional \$2 million, Turner Broadcast and Interference, Inc. successfully brought the obscure trio of cartoon characters and their nemeses to light, which was great publicity to get the branding in place for the movie that was released last Friday.

But one of the biggest winners in Boston can't be overlooked: the terrorists.

Let's reflect on something President George W. Bush said to Congress members during a photo opportunity in the Cabinet Room at the White House on Oct. 23, 2001.

"The object of terrorism is to try to force us to change our way of life, to force us to retreat, is to force us to be what we're not. And that's where they're going to fail. They're simply going to fail."

I don't believe they have failed. In fact, I believe the terrorists are doing just fine with the media and government overreactions to these types of incidents that drive people into more fear.

On Feb. 18 in nearby Onalaska, Wis., two businesses were shut down for about

an hour, a nearby school's start time was pushed back a few hours and some homes were evacuated from around the city's post office when a humming was detected from a package that also had a questionable address. Both the city police and the bomb squad from nearby Fort McCoy were called to the scene. The suspicious noise turned out to be toys and a keyboard that was unintentionally turned on during shipping.

The Twin Cities noted overreaction by the police last June when members of a "zombie dance party" were arrested for carrying devices that could have been construed as bombs. The backpacks they carried were modified to carry homemade stereos and had wires sticking out of them enough to get them arrested for behavior that was suspicious and disturbing.

Bruce Schneier, an internationally renowned security technologist and author, brought these truths to light in his web log from August 2006. In his article, he cites five stories of threats that were overreactions.

Through cause and effect, Schneier says, every time the politicians use fear in their campaigns or the media covers a scare story, they amplify the fear of the people reading or hearing the stories or campaigns.

Schneier goes on to say that the two ways these false alarms, like the Boston hoax, cause harm is through raising fear and wasting time and resources that could be better spent fighting the real threats and increasing actual security.

In Schneier's Feb. 23, 2007 web log, he points out several occurrences of authorities blowing up different objects that could have been a bomb, but were not. In Mexico, they blew up CD players. In Ireland, tape dispensers. Dutch police nearly blew-up their radios, but figured it out before detonation.

If we're going to think everything weird is a bomb, then the false alarms are going to kill any hope of security, states Schneier.

But the fears don't just stop at suspicious objects. John Gilmore was refused flight to London because he would not remove a button from his lapel. The button simply said, "Suspected Terrorist."

Everyone is a suspected terrorist in today's America, including all the innocent people, and that's wrong, Gilmore said. He went on to explain the innocent were being searched without cause, being queued in lines and pens, forced to take their shoes off, to identify themselves, to drink their own breast milk and to submit to indignities.

The terrorists have won in so many ways. But is there any way we can take back our lives?

Be prepared, but don't overreact. Don't fall for the scare tactics by both politicians and the media. Don't spread fear yourself. Let the politicians and the media know that you're on to them through letters. Tell them you will no longer let them do the terrorists' job of spreading fear.

So who won in Boston? Maybe the question should be "who lost in Boston?"

My time amongst the drunks

A Sam Schuna Experience

By Sam Schuna
Opinionz Editor

Before we get started here let it be known that I'm not the most comfortable around drunk people. Truth be told, I've never had a drink in my life, and instead of going out and partying it up with friends to have fun, you'll more likely find me holed up in my safe little five feet squared living chamber, probably studying. But tonight, all that changes. Tonight, I venture into the unknown, where anything can and probably will happen. Please, dear readers—join me for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity as I attempt to go where few sober men have gone before and delve into the mysterious and fascinating culture of the Drunk Bus.

I called the bus at 1:33 a.m. The person on the other end answered with a very loud, "Drunk bus!" I imagine your greeting would have to be pretty loud and obvious if your clientele was strictly drunk people, so I explained that I was from *The Stoutonia* and the driver agreed to call me when he reached my home. He agreed to pick me up shortly. Approximately ten minutes later I boarded the bus, which only had one female passenger so far.

I have to say I was kind of expecting the bus to smell like a barf milkshake, but when I got on there really wasn't a distinct smell. Usually bus fare is \$4 per person or \$6 for a round trip, but the driver, Randy, was kind enough to let me ride free of charge. The bus was a lot smaller than I imagined, containing only eight seats arranged in a square formation and covered with the brown plastic most school bus seats have. A Miller advertisement stressing responsible drinking was above one of the windows. A dark, uncertain air permeated the bus cabin. I noticed that both the rear escape window and another window on the top left side of the bus had been cracked as if hit by a baseball (or several baseballs). I asked Randy what happened, and he just said things can get pretty rough sometimes. Gulp.

The one girl that was on the bus didn't seem very talkative, so I asked Randy some questions. He told me that the legal maximum capacity of passengers was 16, but that the real maximum number of people he's ever had was around 42 people. I asked him why didn't the bus smell like a barf milkshake and he informed me he tells the passengers that if they throw up on the floor, he charges them an extra \$50, which he actually had one very intoxicated fellow pay him once. There were, however, two buckets at either end of the bus for vomiting purposes. He also told me the hours he gets the most customers are between 1:30 a.m. and 2:30 a.m. on Thursdays, and 2 a.m. to 3 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Menomonie's Drunk Bus is apparently provided by a company named Bull's Shuttles, and is sponsored by various bars around town such as The Flame, Das Bierhaus and Off Broadway, along with other companies



Drew Retherford/Stoutonia

The owners and operators of the Drunk Bus patrol the nighttime bar scene, providing a taxi service to individuals that might otherwise puke in your lawn or, worse, drive drunk. The side of Menomonie they see is an interesting one, to say the least.

like Real Street Automotive and Hog Barn Customs.

It wasn't long after we'd been parked outside The Flame that more people lurched onto the bus and at 1:45 a.m. Randy received a call from a person to whom he had to speak very loudly and repetitively, "Drunk Bus. Drunk bus! Drunk bus!"

As we traveled to the caller's house, the drunk people were starting to notice I was observing them. "Hey, hey hey—HEEEYAY! What are you doin'?" I told them I was a reporter from *The Stoutonia*, and that my name was Bob Hayes. Why I told them my name was Bob Hayes I do not really know. Maybe I just say really weird things when I'm around drunk people. Maybe I was thinking when these people read what I am writing about them they would want to take up arms against me. Either way, it didn't occur to me at the time that my name is labeled above every article I write for this paper. If you are one of the passengers I met on the bus, however, fear not; I have decided not to divulge who you are, even though many of you gladly told me your names and urged me to publicly expose your personal thoughts concerning various fraternities, sororities and other things.

The bus continued its nightly stroll in search of inebriated youths, the wheels bumping up and down every now and then. After we pulled up to a passenger's house and let him off, three other guys and two girls soon got on, and one of the guys came and sat next to me to start a conversation about something or other. It was hard to really remember what exactly we were talking about as the potent stench of alcohol on his breath and the con-

stant hand-patting of my knee were really the most memorable aspects of the encounter. After a few minutes of this I glanced over to the seat across me and caught the attention of another passenger. After deeply gazing into the mysterious and vast expanse of his eyes for a few moments and briefly establishing a sense of understanding with one another, he responded to this enlightening experience with a loud, "BOOOIING!"

Our route had so far taken us down most of Broadway and around the campus, and soon we pulled up and parked next to Off Broadway to wait for more new passengers. There were about three or four people on the bus at this time, and we had been parked outside the bar for a few minutes when a scantily clad woman stumbled up the steps of the bus. The woman wore nothing more than a brown checkered coat, black high heels, fish-net stockings, a black corset and of course, a pair of black bunny ears. Naturally, three other young men floated up the stairs right behind her as if tied to her by a string and seated themselves around her.

"Bunny ears are hot!" one of them blurted out. The girl proceeded to make it very clear to everyone on the bus that the only reason she was dressed so promiscuously was because she was coming directly from a Playboy bunny costume party.

After lighting up a cigarette on the bus, she continued rambling on about how it was so cruel and unbelievable for every male she crossed paths with to call her a slut or a prostitute just because she was dressed as a Playboy bunny. One of her admirers, who had been hanging on her every word, assured her

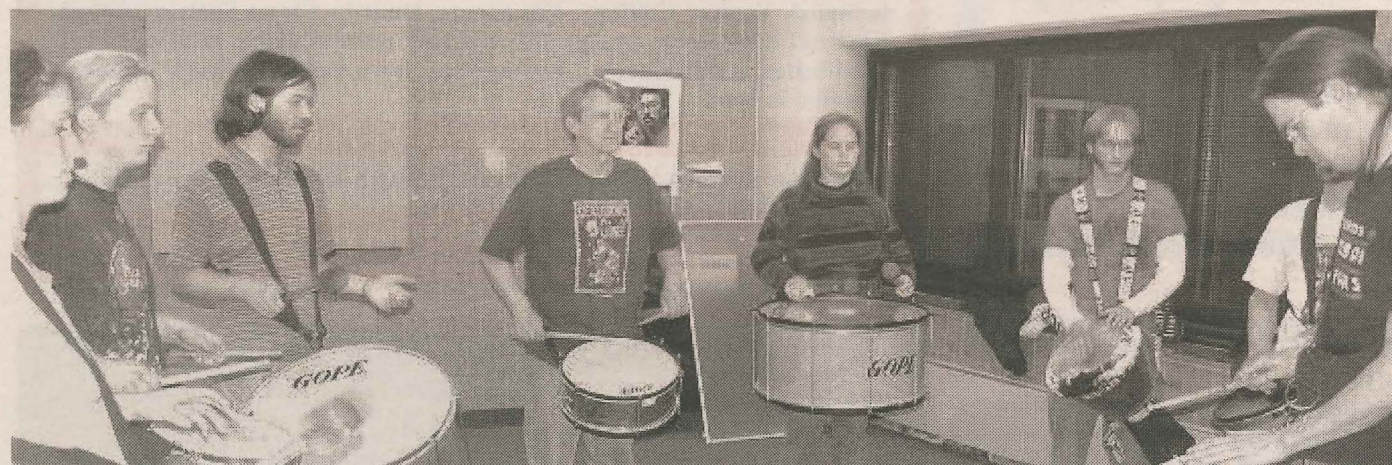
that he "would never call her a prostitute," as one of his eyes fluttered half-closed and the other eye ogled something of an unclean nature. Soon after this, two other passengers on the bus decided it was also a good time to light up a cigarette.

It was around 1:55 a.m. and the bus was like the Tower of Babel now, with at least eight passengers on board, all of them slurping and shouting and generally making a lot of noise. The cigarette smoke was really starting to get to me, so I told Randy to please head back to my house now. He agreed, but not before stopping outside another bar to let two more people on: a boy and girl whose faces glowed with red light from the rear of the bus as they walked around to the entrance. The boy was wearing what appeared to be a plastic queen's crown, but I think it belonged to the girl because she was wearing a white banner strewn diagonally across her body that read "Happy Birthday!" and there was a kind of glazed look in her eyes. As we strolled along back to my house the driver turned up the radio, which was blasting Van Halen's "Girl, you really got me now!"

It was about 2:05 a.m. now, and everything I heard and saw was a blur of dark and smoke and mirrors. The bus finally pulled up on my street and I proceeded to head inside my run down dilapidated house, which I was never so thankful to see. Although the experience was very cloudy, the smoke lingered in my chest for the rest of the night.

If you or a friend are in need of the Drunk Bus, you can contact the service at (715) 338-6645. Believe me, it's better than drunk driving.

Feeling the beat and letting the rhythm take over



Contributed Photos

Pictured above is the Hand Drumming Club Samba Workshop (bottom) and Parade Team (top), as it existed in 2003. The current organization has gone through many members since its beginning with community members bringing a sense of continuity and stability to the group.

By Brittany Bean
Staff Writer

When Laura Hamilton first heard about the Hand Drumming Club at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, she pictured a group of people sitting around in a circle singing “kum ba ya.” When she eventually attended the club’s weekly meeting, however, she was hooked and has since become the president of the organization.

Hamilton is accompanied in leadership by Nels Linde, Kathy Colvin and Rod Bellville—community members who are also captivated by drumming. This trio of drummers had been participating in a drumming group based in Eau Claire called the West African Music Society before they decided to try and get a group started at UW-Stout. They planned on having a broader focus than the Eau Claire club, which was dedicated to learning many of the aspects of West African Polyhythmic drumming and the culture surrounding it. They wanted to open up the opportunity to learn from a wide variety of cultures at the UW-Stout club.

When Linde, Colvin and Bellville approached the campus about eight years ago,

they found several students who wanted to begin a club. The organization has gone through many members since its beginning, and attendance is constantly fluctuating with students coming in and out over 4-year periods and community members being able to be more consistent. Colvin refers to herself and fellow community members as the “elders” who provide continuity for the club.

“My biggest hope is to have a large number of students coming regularly again. The energy of many musicians is uplifting,” Colvin said.

It was that energy that drew Colvin to hand drumming in the first place. She had experimented with improvised rhythms in “drum circles” before attending a concert in 1998 where she listened to the West African Music Society’s concert. She became entranced and decided that she needed to find out how to make music like that. Colvin began going to the group meeting in Eau Claire and didn’t stop until she began attending UW-Stout’s instead.

Linde discovered similar energy in the art of hand drumming.

“I experienced group drumming and dancing around a campfire and found it a musical, empowering and uplifting experience,”

Linde said. “I sought other venues to continue on my own, including Internet resources, local groups and events.”

The leaders of the drumming club understand the importance of events and so attempt to offer three each year.

So far this year, the Hand Drumming Club has hosted drummers from Les Ballets Africains who presented a workshop on the rhythms of Guinea, as well as bringing in Michael Markus, a professional drummer from New York who does a teaching tour each year.

Hamilton said that while attendance sometimes decreases at the meetings, she has seen up to 50 people at some of these events. The club intends to offer a final event later this semester, with more information to be announced soon.

“We hope to continue to bring Stout national quality representatives of this popular activity,” Linde said.

Although they invite professionals to come and participate with the club, Linde and Colvin don’t expect the students and community members who come to be at that high of a skill level. In fact, no skill is required at all—just the desire to try.

“You can bring other drums or any other

musical instruments and you really don’t even have to be musically inclined,” Hamilton said. “I really wasn’t musically inclined when I first started out, and now I know quite a bit.”

The leaders make sure to accommodate the different abilities each member might have.

“Each week we start off with the basics if there are any new people,” Colvin said. “We warm up with a couple of the easiest “poly-rhythms” for people to learn.”

Newcomers are able to use the extra instruments at the meetings if they don’t want to buy their own without experimenting first. And there is a lot of experimenting that takes place; the club mostly plays polyrhythmic traditional pieces from Africa but has also dallied in some Middle Eastern and Caribbean derived pieces that members contributed, Linde said.

Learning is a constant occupation for the members of the club. Hamilton has come a long way from when she first started. Not only has she discovered how to correctly play the Djembe—the skin-covered hand drum that resembles a goblet—but she has also learned how to “rehead” her drum if it ever breaks.

Reheading means that a new skin is placed over the top of the drum when the old one breaks.

Ways to weaken the skin on a Djembe include getting the leather wet (it will stretch, warp and be ruined); leaving the drum in extreme weather conditions (like in a car in the middle of winter); and playing with rings or bracelets on that could puncture the skin, Hamilton said.

Hamilton, whose Djembe drum is from the Ivory Coast in Africa, put her knowledge into action when she had to re-head her drum using the leather of a pigmy goat living in Wisconsin.

Although doing cool things like that might seem like reason enough to join the club, Colvin has different reasons for taking part.

“This is my musical outlet. I need to drum to express my creative spirit, and I’ve met such wonderful people drumming. I really enjoy playing with more experienced drummers...But I also enjoy introducing new drummers to the music and seeing them light up when they play,” Colvin said.

“Students find it a great release from the stress of college activity and study demands,” Linde added.

Hamilton greatly enjoys it and believes that her college life wouldn’t have been the same without the Hand Drumming Club. She hopes that it will continue to grow and that students will begin to find out more about it.

“Most people don’t know about the drum club, and it really is a diamond in the rough,” Hamilton said.

“Did I mention that it is FREE? You know what they say...The best things in life are free,” Hamilton concluded.

Hand Drumming Club’s meetings take place every Tuesday night from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Glass Lounge of the Merle Price Commons.



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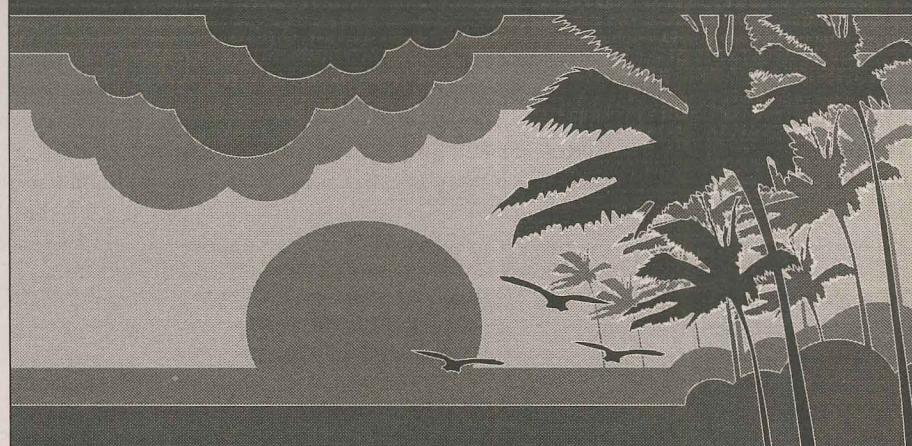
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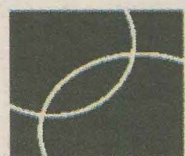
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Hallucination is just the beginning



Jason Harsh/Stoutonia

A dark musical comedy just in time for family weekend, "A New Brain" utilizes the acting and musical talents of many University of Wisconsin-Stout students. Pictured above are the lead characters in costume an hour before opening night, Wednesday April 18.

Chelsea Rickert

Entertainment Editor

Wednesday, April 18 marked the opening night of the University of Wisconsin-Stout theater group's rendition of "A New Brain." The musical, which was adapted from a book written by James Lapine and William Finn, tells the story of Gordon Schwinn, a vulnerable, sarcastic and loveable musical composer struggling to make it big in New York City.

The musical is somewhat autobiographical for Finn. The personal battles that Gordon Schwinn must confront in the play go hand in hand with Finn's experiences with cancer of the brain and the healing power of art. While stuck in the hospital, the hero faces the fear that he will die before his work is complete.

Soon after Finn's release from the hospital he wrote many of the songs for the musical. The score consists of over thirty musical pieces including, "Frogs have so much spring in them," "Poor, unsuccessful and fat," "The music still plays on" and "An invitation to sleep in my arms."

"This musical is a metaphor for our everyday lives," said director Paul Calenberg. "We struggle and stumble, and then somehow manage to recover and emerge with renewed hope."

Calenberg worked with Mark Pruett on "A New Brain," who was the music director.

"Paul Calenberg and Mark Pruett make a good match of talents," said Jon Bice, a sophomore in hotel and restaurant management. "They keep a very light atmosphere while producing a good show." Bice returned to the Harvey Hall Theater stage to perform in "A New Brain" as Gordon.

According to Dionna Johnson, sophomore in human development and family studies, the opening night for the play was a success.

"Opening night is always a little shaky, but we put on a good show," said Johnson, who played Janet, the "fat/nice nurse."

The play was a success due to the producing, acting and musical talent of more than forty people from UW-Stout.

Bice even showed his musical talent on the piano for the musical numbers "Frogs have so much spring" and "Music still plays on." An orchestra conducted by Pruett featuring clarinet, French horn, cello saxophone, bass and percussion played the many musical numbers while amplified by creative set design and lighting.

"Everyone gets along really well," said Maxwell Thao, a freshman in studio art who portrayed Roger in the play. "We are all very talented."

"In the end, 'A New Brain' proved to be an eclectic amalgamation of theatrical genres," said theater critic Kelly Rizzetta. "A little comedy, a little drama, a few moments of grim defeat followed by outstanding accomplishment."

The play struck just about every chord in the spectrum of human emotion, but mostly, it was inspirational."

"A New Brain" is set to run April 18 through April 21 at 7:30 p.m. in Harvey Hall Theater. Tickets cost \$10 and can be purchased at the Memorial Student Center Service Desk.

"Prometheus" showcases students' writing, art

Katie Kenner

Entertainment Writer

"Prometheus" is an annual student creative arts publication. Each year students submit poetry, short stories, prose, art work and photography to be judged and ultimately selected to be published. A reading of the winning entries by the authors and a viewing of the winning art entries will take place on Friday, April 20 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Furlong Gallery. The visual arts winners can be viewed at the annual Prometheus Exhibition.

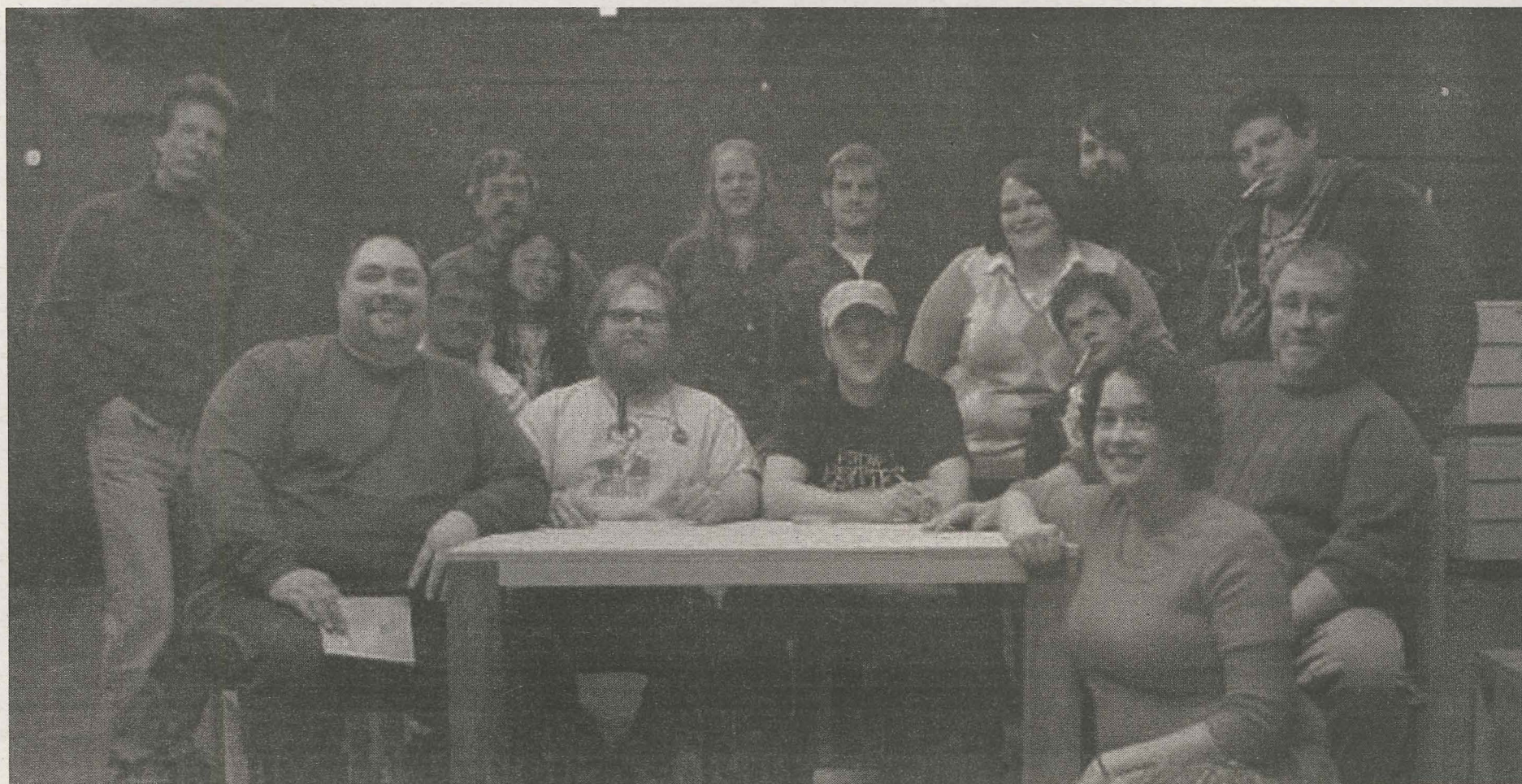
"Prometheus" was started in 1933 in response to a campus-wide interest in arts and letters by University of Wisconsin-Stout student Irven O. Buss. The publication was

originally called "Young Wings" and has been published for over 74 years.

Submissions for publication in "Prometheus" are judged by faculty members based on set criteria and then are placed first through third or can receive honorable mention. These works are then published in a black and white softcover book. Students who place first or second receive a cash prize of \$50 and \$25 respectively.

"Prometheus" is completely student run and organized. Students in charge of this year's publication are Katherine McGraw and Mai Cha Lee. Brian Fitch, Ph.D. and Joan Menefee, Ph.D., are the text advisors and Professor Geof Wheeler holds the position of art advisor.

Nuts run the nuthouse in adaptation of Ken Kesey classic



Jeremy Nelson/Stoutonia

The popular play adaptation of the novel "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" will be performed by the Menomonie Theater Guild beginning on Friday, April 20. The Theater Guild is comprised of members of the community and students from the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Ken Kesey's novel was published in 1962, made into a Broadway play by Dale Wasserman in 1963 and then adapted for film in 1975. A classic since the novel was released, the stage adaptation of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" has continued to be performed in many different theaters throughout the nation.

The play is about a man named McMurphy who, rather than spend his time in jail, convinces the law that he's crazy enough to need psychiatric care and is sent to a hospital. Rebellion and insubordination against an oppressive bureaucracy quickly follow. Nurse

Ratched becomes his personal cross to bear as his resistance to the hospital routine gets on her nerves.

UW-Stout alumnus Andy Christensen is portraying the lead role of McMurphy. Also contributing their talents to the Menomonie Theater Guild production are UW-Stout students Katie Lee and Georgia Kane, two UW-Stout faculty members Susan and Stephen Collie, alumnus Leah Dunbar and local talent from the Menomonie community.

The play will continue its performances on April 21, 26, 27, 28 at 7:30 p.m. and also on April 22 and 29 at 2 p.m. Tickets will cost \$13 for adults and \$12 for seniors and students. There will be a special student rush price fifteen minutes before shows begin where left over seats will be sold for \$5 to any student who presents their student ID.

Feeding people through music

Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

Jamband Downer's Grove from Eau Claire, Wis. is hosting a two-day Family Weekend Food Drive. During the food drive, they will be performing at the Waterfront on April 20 and at the University of Wisconsin-Stout for Green Sense on April 21.

Prizes from area businesses, including gift certificates and bar tabs, will be given to those donating non-perishable food items.

There will be no cover charge for either event.

Jon Nietz, Downer's Grove's guitarist and primary song writer, said that the band is really looking forward to putting on these events. "We are really excited about being able to do this for both the Menomonie and Stout communities," said Nietz.

Downer's Grove has performed in

Menomonie multiple times. "The Waterfront is one of our favorite places to play and it is like a second home to us," said Nietz.

The band has been experiencing a lot of success lately with their growing fan-base and the progression of their "body-moving" musical style.

"The crowds are getting bigger and our music is developing at an astonishing...rate," said Nietz. They play original jamband music that makes listeners want to dance, and their live shows at the Stones Throw in Eau Claire, Wis. have been described as being "intense and heavily danceable."

Downer's Grove promises "big musical surprises" at their Food Drive performances, including new original songs and new cover songs. More information about the band can be found at www.myspace.com/downersgrove.

Milk, milk, lemonade...

Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

The local fraternity Chi Lambda opened its doors on Friday, April 13 for its annual Milk Party. Frat members hosted this non-alcoholic event with the offering of milk and cookies.

The event was put on to raise awareness about alcohol abuse on college campuses across the nation.

"We thought that there weren't enough non-alcoholic events happening on campus," said James Clancy, director of Chi Lambda's Public Relations. "We wanted to give people an opportunity to have fun without alcohol."

The Chi Lambda Milk Party has been an annual event since the fraternity was founded in May 1956 by William Romosser. This is the first year it has held the alcohol abuse awareness theme.

Over sixty University of Wisconsin-Stout students attended the event, which also drew reporters from WQOW channel 18 news. With the bad rep that UW-Stout fraternities have been getting, an encouraging story about a fraternity was a change of pace.

"We made it on the news and it was a positive message that we got across," said Clancy. He hopes that next year's Milk Party will be an even bigger success.

Chi Lambda is very involved in the UW-Stout and Menomonie community, holding fundraisers and being involved in Big Brothers, Big Sisters. The fraternity will host a bowling event fundraiser for Big Brothers, Big Sisters foundation at the Stout Ale House on Friday, April 27, beginning at 6 p.m. The fundraiser is open to everyone with a bowling team who is willing to contribute to the cause.

Restaurant utilizes UW-Stout student design

Ashley Smolen
Food Columnist

In the silence of room 230, Christina Dinauer's Menu Planning and Design class worked quietly, heads bent over keyboards and cardboard, each student working toward a common goal: to design a creative, modern and impressive menu design for the Covered Bridge Restaurant in Zumbrota, Minn.

The popular restaurant responded to an advertisement Professor Dinauer published, essentially expressing her interest in having menu design students work with a restaurant to gain real life, valuable experience.

The Covered Bridge was just the answer Professor Dinauer was looking for.

Alan Falk, whose family owns and operates the restaurant, was the representative who helped to set this exciting project in motion. Visiting the class prior to the project's due date, Mr. Falk answered student-generated questions about not only the restaurant, but also desired menu characteristics.

He explained that the current menu was in need of some updating.

In the restaurant's history, the menu had never been drastically changed, thus provid-

ing the need for a newer look. The students were given free reign to design as they saw fit. After the completion of their projects, Mr. Falk and his family would discuss and deliberate over the student generated designs they liked best in the anticipation of using the students' work to create a new menu.

After months of hard and vigorous work, the students presented their completed pieces to the class, which were then passed on to the Covered Bridge. Nearly four months later, a decision was reached.

Four menus in particular were chosen to be utilized for the redesign. The hard work of nine students has earned them a bit of fame. Six hotel, restaurant and tourism majors, Brian Knapmiller, junior, Kimberly Koppang, sophomore, Ashley Neby, junior, Christopher Mohr, senior, Stacy Oskey, senior and Nicole Miner, senior, combined their talents with food systems and technol-

ogy majors Jennifer Nicholson, sophomore, Leah O'Leary, senior, and Ashley Smolen, sophomore on the menu design.

Mr. Falk provided his own input about the project. "There were a lot of great ideas! A combination of many ideas will be used... most of the changes will come from the menus designed by Stacy, Chris, Jennifer and Ashley S."

Mr. Falk also described in great detail what was liked about each menu in particular. Eye capturing details included image use, color utilization, new item headings,

overall design, restaurant history and item arrangement. On the whole, Mr. Falk said that he was "very impressed" with all of the menus.

"The entire procedure was great fun. The students asked great questions and continued to ask questions as the project pro-

gressed. I could tell a lot of effort was being put into these designs...the students had a lot of great ideas and added a different perspective that the restaurant wouldn't have necessarily thought of..."

As a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Stout, Mr. Falk also found great joy in returning to campus and working with students again.

Sharing in Mr. Falk's excitement and pleasure in the project was Professor Dinauer. After such success with this project, she looks forward to finding other restaurants to work with in the future.

Like Mr. Falk, Professor Dinauer was very impressed with the students' work and how enthusiastic and engaged each was in the designing and creating processes.

The menu planning and design class who accepted this challenge has since moved on to other courses and work experience.s However, for Knapmiller, Koppang, Miner, Mohr, Neby, Nicholson, O'Leary, Oskey and Smolen, a part of this course will live on in every-day life, as customers enter and exit the popular Covered Bridge Restaurant, their work will be used and enjoyed in more ways than they ever thought possible.

The students had a lot of great ideas and added a different perspective that the restaurant wouldn't have necessarily thought of.

— Alan Falk

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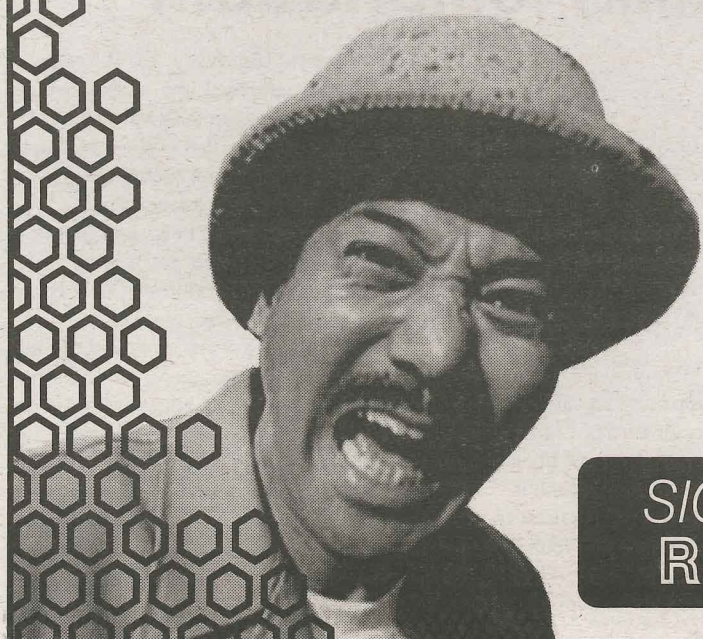
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Grunge is not dead | Long live the dirty guitar and angsty lyrics

Chris Moellering

Entertainment Writer

On Tuesday April 17, at the House of Rock in Eau Claire, Wis., grunge rock proved to still be alive and rocking as Local H took the stage and rocked the audience with adrenaline-filled anthems of teenage angst and rage. The crowded bar smelled of beer and sweat as the band from Illinois rocked out for close to three hours.

The Eau Claire show was just one stop on the bands tour while supporting their new CD '99-'00 Demos. The CD is the bands seventh full-length album since they formed in high school back in 1987 by singer/guitar player Scott Lucas and drummer Joe Daniels.

Local H never obtained commercial success like other bands in their genre such as Nirvana, Mudhoney, and Sonic Youth, but they lived through the grunge invasion and continue to create passionate music filled with rage.

The House of Rock show was a special treat in that the opening act was a solo acoustic performance by Scott Lucas. He played the slower Local H songs that would otherwise interrupt the high-adrenaline of the Local H set. He did acoustic versions of "All the Kids are Right" and crowd favorite "Eddie Vedder."

He began the show with a cover of The Misfits song "Last Caress" where he sang "I got something to say/ I killed your baby today/ and it doesn't matter much to me." It



Grunge did not go out with Cobain. Local H kept the old school music alive with their adrenaline pumping show at the House of Rock in Eau Claire, Wis.

was a nice nod to the punk legends and a way to display his musical roots.

When Lucas finished his acoustic set, which was anything but soft, he took a little break before he returned with his electric

guitar and drummer. They began by making a wall of reverberating feedback and other ear piercing noises reminiscent of Nirvana, before launching into a full assault of floor-stomping hard rock.

Local H mixed it up by playing some of their old songs and some of their new ones. Of course they played the fan favorites "Bound to the Floor" and "Hands on the Bible." "Bound to the Floor" was interrupted when the band decided to play a few minutes of Motley Crue's "Looks that Kill." The interruption was unexpected by the audience and wasn't well accepted by a few.

They were sure to pick up the tempo and screaming by playing "Fritz's Corner" and my personal favorite, "High-Fiving MF" before taking a short break.

When they returned, Lucas jokingly thanked himself for opening up for them and then went on to say that the opening act sucked. He joked with the audience telling them there was no need to buy their new CD, because now that music is free they can just burn a copy.

They ended the show with the same adrenaline that rocked the audience all night long. They shocked the crowd by covering the Britney Spears song "Toxic." I can sadly say I sang along.

They finished with the song "Alright (Oh Yeah)" where Lucas jumped on top of the crowd and played the song as the fans held him above their heads.

On this Tuesday night, Local H played music the way it's supposed to be played: loud, fast and with passion. They proved exactly why anti-corporate music survives. It rocks and it's true.



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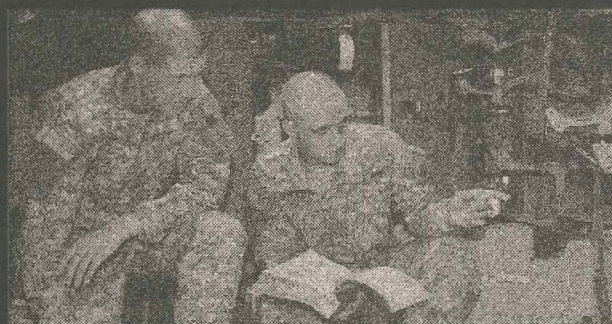
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July 29 Warped Tour

The Metrodome parking lot, Minneapolis, Minn.

This will mark the fourth year that Warped Tour has been held at this venue after a switch over from its previous Somerset, Wis. stop. The tour will also hit Milwaukee, Wis. at the Marcus Amphitheater on July 31. You can look forward to a wide variety of punk and emo bands this year including Bad Religion, The Starting Line, Bleed the Dream, Red Jumpsuit Apparatus, Pennywise, The Matches, New Found Glory, Killswitch Engage, Hawthorne Heights, Coheed and Cambria and many more. For a complete listing of bands visit www.warpedtour.com. Pre-sale and discount tickets are available for purchase until April 21, regular tickets will be available after that time at Ticketmaster. Ticket prices will range from \$27.75 to \$29.75.

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Formally known as Ozzfest, FreeFest round out big summer tours. Ozzy will once again headline the tour. Lamb of God, Hatebreed, Lordi, Behemoth, Mondo Generator, Nile, Ankla, Circus Diablo, The Showdown, 3 Inches of Blood, Daath, Chthonic and In This Moment will also be joining Ozzy in this free-for-all rock concert. The free tickets will be distributed through Ozzfest's sponsors. You can visit ozzfest.com, livenation.com, monsterenergy.com, jagermusic.com or fye.com for more information. Ticket codes will be issued beginning May 12 and will be distributed on June 12. There will be a two-ticket limit.

Katie Kenner

Entertainment Writer

With the semester's close comes summer concerts and festivals. This summer looks promising with three large tours coming to the Midwest region. Each tour offers a beginning for new emerging artists, but also showcases some of our great well-known bands. For the price of a regular one headlining band ticket you can enjoy hundreds.

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Andrist goes to Qatar to coach national basketball team

By Casey Nold
Sports Editor

Scorching temperatures, miles of sand, almost 900,000 Muslims and an Arabic-speaking population are just a few of the things that the University of Wisconsin-Stout men's head basketball coach Ed Andrist will encounter on his journey to Doha, Qatar.

Qatar is a country that, like many in the Middle East, found fortune in oil and natural gas. Although it is a rich country, its capital Doha is its only major city, though it is a growing city.

The country itself is smaller than Wisconsin. In the last seven years the population quadrupled. 721,000 of the 863,100 people who make up the population live in Doha.

A UW-Stout alumnus, Andrist is an established basketball coach. According to statistics compiled by sports information director Layne Pitt, in Andrist's 32 years of coaching experience, he has coached in 934 official high school and college games, 760 of those games he head coached. He has molded the UW-Stout men's basketball program into the powerhouse it is today and has led the Qatari basketball team to serious victories.

After his retirement, the head basketball coach from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, Dave Buss, a longtime friend of Andrist, went to Qatar for two years to coach basketball.

Knowing Andrist's basketball background and experience, Buss asked Andrist to accompany him in Qatar to coach.

In 2000, Andrist flew to Qatar to coach in the men's division, which was just before his first year of head coaching at UW-Stout.

In his first trip to Qatar, Andrist led his team to two gold medal finishes in the Asian Championship and the Gulf Country Championships. The win in the Asian Championship qualified the team for the World Cup.

Andrist has been invited back to Qatar to coach their national team and help them qualify for the 2008 Olympics in China.

"Once you are successful, people keep calling," said Andrist. "They want me for five years, but I can't give them that right now."

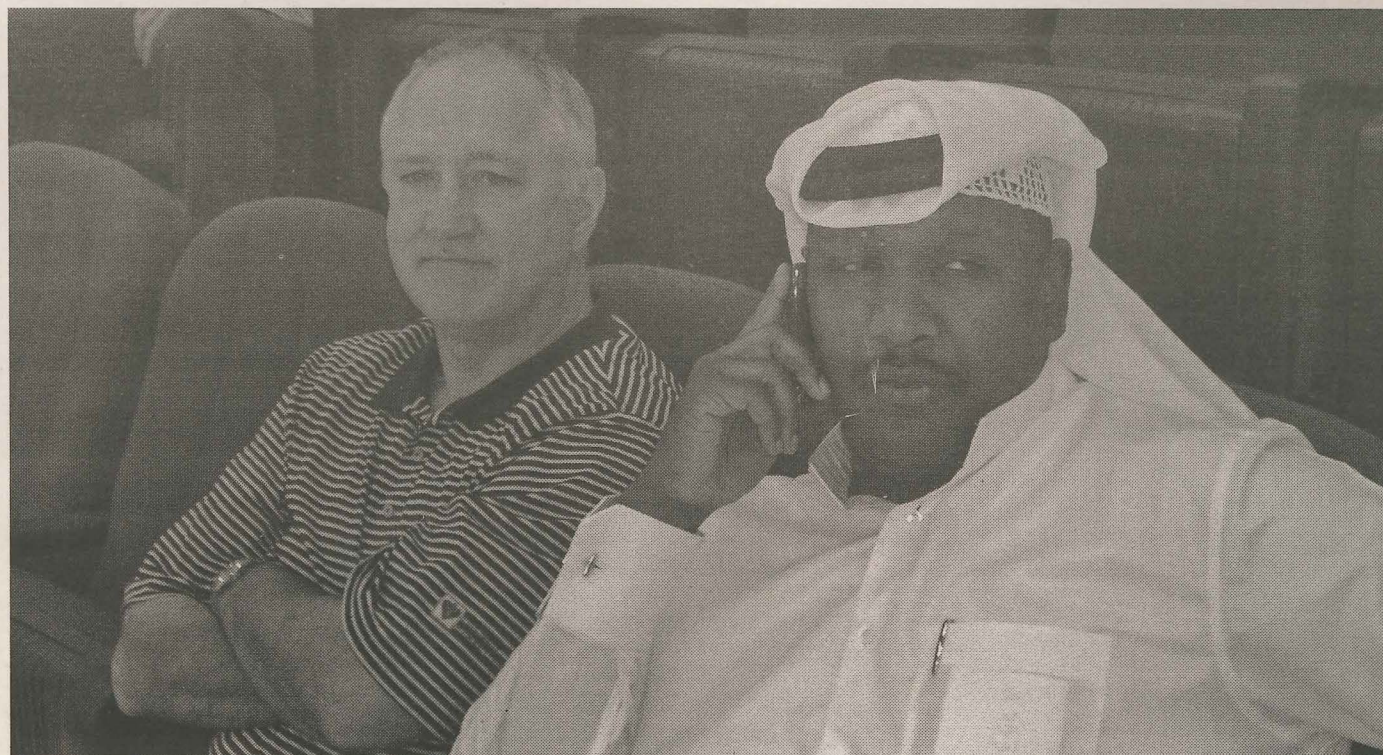
Andrist and his family flew to Qatar over spring break, compliments of the country, all expenses paid.

During the trip, the family got to sightsee and experience things quite foreign to everyday life in Wisconsin.

"They got to see sand 200 feet high in the air," said Andrist. "The sand is just like snow, when there is enough of it you have to know how to walk in it or you will get stuck."

Andrist also mentioned that during their stay in Qatar they met a man who would live out in the desert for six months at a time and help people who would get stuck or lost in the sand.

"We sat in his tent and talked with him," said Andrist. "He spoke just enough English so we could have a conversation."



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Andrist flew to Qatar over spring break to pick the players for the national team he will coach starting at the end of this year. Here Andrist sits with the general manager, Rashid S. Al-Abdulla.

The main reason for the spring break visit to Qatar was so Andrist could select the players that would represent Qatar on the national team.

"There are eight teams that play in a league," said Andrist. "Each team played two games and I had to pick; 16 players from those teams to represent Qatar on the national team. It was easy to pick, all 16 players stuck out."

Three of the players on the national team that Andrist chose also played for him in 2000.

Many players on the team representing Qatar are Africans. To represent Qatar, every player must be a legal citizen, but not necessarily be born there.

With most of the team from Africa, and the dominant Qatari language being Arabic, Andrist explained how he communicates with his players.

"All of the players speak English, but some better than others," said Andrist. "When I was there in 2000, we had two players that did not speak any English, including my starting point guard. I had to have an interpreter to communicate with them. It was quite difficult."

Andrist's main goal and the reason he was invited back to coach is that Qatar is very serious about getting their country recognition in the 2008 Olympics.

"Is it going to be very difficult," said Andrist. "There are NBA players who go back to their countries and play for their national teams to help them get into the Olympics."

Andrist will be accompanied by Erik Gardow and Chris Westlake. Gardow's wife is a teacher at UW-Stout in the vocational



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In 2000, Andrist led the Qatari national team to victory. The players show their gratitude. He returns to Qatar to lead the national team to the Olympic qualifying games.

rehabilitation building and is flying to Qatar for the summer to be with her husband. Gardow assistant coached under Andrist at UW-Stout from 2000-2005. Westlake played for UW-Green Bay.

Andrist heads to Qatar at the end of May and will be there until August 10. The team will go to different countries and compete in "friendly games" known to us as scrimmages.

"We are eternally optimistic; Qatar is very committed to winning," said Andrist. "They brought me back to win this thing and that's the goal; we are going there to do that."

He will have seven weeks to coach his team and get them prepared for the qualifying tournament. The Asian Games, held in

Japan, is the tournament the team needs to win to qualify for the Olympics.

"It is going to be difficult," said Andrist. "But China was the favorite team in the Asian Championship and Saudi Arabia was the favorite team in the Gulf Country Championships and we won those."

With all of his optimism and confidence in his team, I had to ask Andrist if he would coach his team throughout the Olympics if they made it. He said, "Without any doubt I would coach them in the Olympics. It is every coach's dream to coach in the Olympics and walk into the stadium with your team for the lighting of the torch. That would be a WOW! How cool would it be to coach them against the USA?"

Nonemacher brothers to play pro b-ball in Germany

By Casey Nold
Sports Editor

The University of Wisconsin-Stout will say goodbye to the infamous 7-foot twins, Jacob and John Nonemacher.

The brothers, from Kalispell, Mont. are heading to Germany to pursue a career in professional basketball.

The Nonemacher's, who have left a large imprint on the men's basketball program at UW-Stout, have chosen an agent out of Germany to help market their talent to the right people and get their careers started.

Having only played in their spare time and for fun, the Nonemacher's actually started their basketball careers in the 2003/2004 school year at UW-Stout. They have accomplished so much since then.

"It is unbelievable," said Jake. "Four years ago when we decided on a college, our lives weren't even near basketball and now they are consumed by basketball."

"It has worked out for the better," said John. "Other people who are graduating are going out to get jobs and we get to play professional basketball and get paid pretty well doing it. It seems pretty nice compared to what we could be doing."

Since the end of the season, the Nonemacher's had been receiving interest from representatives all over the world, but took their time choosing the best agent they thought would help their careers the most.

"It took us six to eight weeks to settle on an agent," said John. "It was harder than I thought it would be, not to get interest, but to

just pick someone. He has the best chance to put us where we want to be."

"He pretty much works with just the top teams in Europe," said Jake. "He had the most NBA contacts. My ultimate dream is coming to the NBA and it is still alive with this guy."

The European league the guys are starting in works a little differently than say, the NBA. Normally when a player signs a contract with a team, the contract is good for so many years and they can't get fired for any reason, but in this league, the rules are much different.

"They don't have a players union," said John.

"They can sign you to a contract and two months later they can let you go," said Jake. "That is the international system, but the NBA has a players union and you have rights."

Since the brothers are from the U.S., they are considered international players. Each team only allows two international players, so they have to work even harder to

keep their spots.

"You have to work hard to keep your job and your numbers up," said John. "If you can't be a productive member of team, you won't be successful."

"We are not only competing for a spot, but an international spot," said Jake. "They have to love you."

Although the brothers attended the same college, have the same agent and are pursuing the same career, they

are trying to have their own individual experiences.

"When we were looking at agencies it came as a package deal," said John. "We hope to not play on the same team."

They went on to agree that playing on the same team would be too much internal competition. They said they would get in each others way trying to keep their numbers up.

"A contract is determined by the numbers we can put up," said John. "It is important for our careers that we don't play together."

When the guys told me they were not looking to play together the question rose in

my mind, what if they played against each other? "I have beaten him one-on-one more times than anything," said John with a laugh.

"It would be a new experience," said Jake. "We have scrimmaged against each other a lot, but it would be odd in a game that matters."

Everything the Nonemacher's will need is paid for by the agency that is representing them. When they arrive in Germany they will have their own apartments and a car.

Jake's wife and John's girlfriend will be accompanying them on their trip. The guys are getting excited to play ball, but also expressed a lot of interest in the cultural changes they will face.

"We want to learn at least a little German," said Jake. "We want to embrace their culture and language and try to diversify."

"I'm nervous to get used to the food," said John. "Well, maybe not Germany. Wisconsin is like Germany, it's just brats and beers."

The guys are heading to Germany at the beginning of June and will be there all summer to practice. At the end of June there is a pro-camp where scouts and general managers will have a chance to watch many players compete for a spot on a European team.

They plan to be playing for different European teams by the end of the summer.

"It's a good place to start," said Jake. "I want to play European basketball for a year and then think about the NBA."

"It will be a constant challenge," said John. "If we can make a name for ourselves we won't have to worry. It is a whole different ball game."



Jacob Nonemacher



John Nonemacher

UW-Stout senior awaiting NFL draft pick

By Casey Nold
Sports Editor

Jesse Wendt, a University of Wisconsin-Stout senior has worked hard since he could carry a ball to get where he is today.

Wendt's name has been tossed around the tongues of many NFL scouts and he is waiting for his dream to come true.

With one semester left to graduate, Wendt played his last year of UW-Stout football last season.

One memorable game and more specifically a simple play brought 27 teams to check out Wendt's ability on the field.

A stop watch in the hand of a New York Jets scout clocked Wendt at an impressive 4.28 seconds over 40 yards.

Wendt started receiving scout recognition around the time of his transition from

his junior to senior year. Since then, it is only getting better.

On December 13, 2006 Wendt signed a contract with the agents at Fox, Grogan & Van Ry out of Nevada. Shortly after, he flew to Reno, Nev. to train for two months.

Wendt spent those two months training for the All-Star game Texas vs. The Nation in El Paso, TX on February 2, 2007. The game was at the Sun Bowl Stadium at the University of Texas-El Paso.

"I was one of three guys from DIII schools that were invited to the game," said Wendt. "I felt like I belonged with the DI players; I was up to their speed and skill."

Buddy Ryan, long time coach of the Eagles was the All-Star team coach.

"It was great having someone like Ryan as our coach," said

Wendt. "I got a little one-on-one time with him and that's all you can expect."

Wendt was invited to a pro-day by the Packers where he was tested on agility, jumping, position drills and bench drills. Wendt said impressed the scouts.

"They gave me a lot of good feedback," said Wendt. "Now I just have to keep in shape and keep working on improving."

Since February, after the All-Star game and after his pro-day, Wendt has been working out daily to maintain his body structure and health.

Wendt's agent has extreme confidence that he will get a chance at the NFL. He said in a published article that Wendt is "blessed physically" and that there "aren't many kids as big and as athletic as Wendt."

Throughout the recent events that have been putting Wendt's career plans into action, he has been blessed with an extremely loving family.

"My family is so supportive," said Wendt. "About mid January, when I was training for the All-Star, my mom called me

and said that she had been diagnosed with breast cancer. I didn't know what to do because I knew I wouldn't be home for another month, but she didn't want me to worry, she just wanted me to pursue my goals.

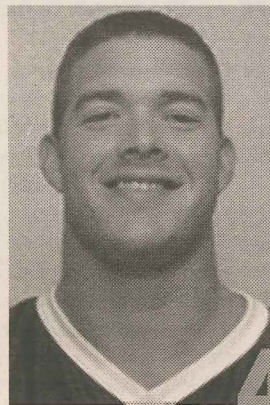
Wendt also mentioned that whenever he was having a hard practice or a workout hurt that he just thought of his mom and used that as extra motivation.

"I felt a little extra pressure," said Wendt. "I try to take something positive out of everything that happens."

The road Wendt has been traveling this last year is about to take a major turn. On April 28-29 the NFL draft will determine a big part of the rest of his life.

Wendt said that his agent guessed he would be a mid to late round draft pick. He said it was possible Wendt could get picked up as a free-agent if he isn't drafted right away.

"It's overwhelming, it has been a dream of mine since I was a kid," said Wendt. "It's amazing when a life long dreams starts becoming a reality."



Jesse Wendt

Blue Devil SCOREBOARD

Blue Devil Baseball

14-15 The baseball team won three of four games in their back to back double header against UW-Superior April 9-10. The 14-15 the team lost three of four games in a back to back double header to UW-Whitewater.

Next Game: Back to back double header hosting UW-La Crosse April 21-22.

Blue Devil Tennis

The women's tennis team had three games to conclude their spring season. April 2, the girls won 6-3 when they hosted Martin Luther. The girls took an 8-1 loss to St. Mary's University on April 14. The girls will start up again next fall.

Blue Devil Softball

11-10 The softball team is in a three game losing streak. The girls pulled a win off UW-La Crosse April 14. The next day they took on UW-Platteville and won the first game 4-3, but took a 9-1 loss in the second game.

Next Game: Thursday, April 19 at UW-Superior.

Women's Golf

The women's golf team is starting back up April 21-22 at the UW-Stevens Point Invite. The girls have two meets to conclude their season.

Men's Golf

The men's golf team placed 7th of 16 teams April 17 at Gustavus Adolphus. Sophomore Josh Angrimson tied for 14th place. Geoff Pirkl took 21st place in the event.

Next Game: Tuesday, April 24 hosting the UW-Stout Border Battle.

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Softball coasts through season, looking for strong finish

By Becca Oosterhouse
Sports Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's softball team is feeling nothing but confident following the conference opener played at home against the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

The series was split between the two teams, after sophomore Nelly Peterson hit a home run in the first inning of the opener.

Looking at the rest of the season, the team continues to feel confident and is taking things one week at a time. When it comes to what could hold the team back, they look only at themselves and being able to keep the confidence level up.

According to Coach Chris Stainer, "The WIAC is one of the toughest conferences in the Nation for Division III Athletics. These games are going to be a bit more challenging, but as we look at the teams we are about to face, I would hope that the entire team realizes that if we play at our level, we should come home with a few more victories."

Coach Stainer also said, "If there is one thing that could keep us from going all the way this season it would be that the players need to continue to believe that we are the best team out there...this group of young la-



The softball team, lacking seniors looks to strong upperclassmen to help finish out the season on a strong note.

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dies has worked harder than any team I have had the privilege to have coached."

That there are no seniors on the team this year seems to have little effect on their performance.

While some may see it as a lack of leadership, this doesn't hold true for UW-Stout.

"Although we do not have any seniors, we do have some strong upperclassmen with great leadership skills that help to pull things

together for the team," said Katie Fichter. "We do have more than half of our team returning from last year with experience under their belts. All returning players have taken an extra leap in leading our team to where we need to be to make this season successful."

Having these upperclassmen with great leadership skills and experience is just one of the strong points of the team this year.

"I think our main strength would have to be our versatility," said junior outfielder Jackie Juan. "With the recent injury of our starting second basemen, Sarah Nelson, we needed to switch around our defense and many teams often struggle with this, but we did not hesitate at all. Nelly Peterson and Tara Donahou did a great job switching positions and Megan McDonald entered into a starting position very well."

"Thus far, I see nothing but champions, regardless of what the score may be at the end of the game," said coach Stainer. "I know that each one of these players gives me everything they can every day. If they didn't, they wouldn't have lasted this long. I look forward to seeing how the season continues to unfold."

UW-Stout faces the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point at home on Saturday, April 21 at 3 p.m.



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1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #4	\$365	\$365	great location, includes WSG & heat, parking, efficiency	A
1 1	1218 1/2 9th Street	\$375	\$375	gas heat, upper duplex, great location	D
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #3	\$395	\$395	great location, includes WSG & heat, efficiency	A
2 1	115 Main Street West	\$380	\$500	Close to campus and downtown	3
2 1	915 1/2 Main Street	\$395	\$198	good location in duplex, w parking Avail. 9/01/07	D
2 1	2121 5th Street #B	\$420	\$210	Inc. WSG, washer dryer	4
2 1	619 1/2 13th Avenue	\$460	\$230	Inc. heat WSG hot water, excellent location	4
2 1	620 1/2 9th Avenue	\$480	\$240	close to campus, large nice rooms	3
2 1	635 Northern Meadows	\$620	\$310	Newer unit, washer/dryer, N. menomonie, detached garage	12
2 1	620 Northern Meadows	\$620	\$310	Newer unit, washer/dryer, N. menomonie, detached garage	12
3 1	2215 1/2 5th Street	\$545	\$182	spacious, many upgrades, good sized rooms, w/d	D
3 1	2215 5th Street	\$595	\$198	spacious, many upgrades, good sized rooms, w/d hookups	D
3 1	321 13th Avenue West	\$600	\$200	Close to campus, washer dryer, big living room	H
3 1	414 12th Avenue West	\$600	\$200	very large, garage storage	D

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3 1	802 6th Avenue #4	\$675	\$225	utilities included, parking	A
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4 1	1508 10th Street	\$620	\$155	close to Lammers, nice layout	H
4 1	321 13th Avenue West	\$660	\$165	Super location, washer/dryer	H
4 1	921 Main Street #1	\$700	\$175	good location, economical	4
4 2	1509 South Broadway	\$800	\$200	lrg. House, nice location	H
4 1	121 1/2 12th Avenue West	\$800	\$200	large apartment, super location washer/dryer	D
4 1.5	121 12th Avenue West	\$800	\$200	super location washer/dryer	D
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5 2	2006 5th Street #A**	\$800	\$160	washer/dryer very large, parking	3
5 2	405 20th Avenue East	\$850	\$170	great house washer/dryer garage, modern	H
5 2	1803 7th Street	\$950	\$190	washer/dryer parking, good location, large	D
5 2	408 18th Avenue East	\$1,000	\$200	washer/dryer, close to campus, great home,	H
5 2	121 13th Avenue West	\$1,000	\$200	large, super location. Washer/dryer	D
6 2	1402 8th Street**	\$700	\$117	washer/dryer gas heat good layout	H
6 2	504 10th Street**	\$900	\$150	W/D hook-ups, gas heat, large rms.	H
6 2	1603 7th Street	\$900	\$150	washer/dryer new carpet, very nice	H
6 2	115 17th Avenue West	\$1,100	\$183	house, location, washer/dryer Parking	D
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6 2	115 1/2 17th Avenue West	\$1,100	\$183	newer unit, great location washer/dryer	D
6 2	321 20th Avenue #C	\$1,200	\$200	new large bedrooms, washer/dryer	4
6 2	408 18th Avenue East	\$1,200	\$200	washer/dryer, close to campus,	H
7 2	220 12th Avenue West	\$1,050	\$150	Great location, washer/dryer/fenced yard	H
7 2	1321 2nd Street West	\$1,365	\$195	large house, 1 blk. from campus washer/dryer	H
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Thursday, April 19

- GreenSense Tabling for Green My Apple Campaign. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Terrace, MSC
- UW-Stout Research Day 2007. Need to be pre-registered. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. MSC
- Wine Tasting. 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Zanzibar Restaurant and Pub, Menomonie
- Cover Letters and Profession Communication Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. 4th Floor, Library Learning Center
- First book binding session with Doug Johns. 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Oakwood Room, MSC

Friday, April 20

- 8th Annual UW System Symposium for Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity. Register at 7 a.m. Programs until 4 p.m. MSC
- Stout Plant Sale. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Second Floor, Jarvis Science Wing
- College of Human Development Celebration of Teaching and Learning Awards and Recognition. 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Room 208, Home Economics
- College of Human Development Celebration of Teaching and Learning Reception. 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. 2nd Floor Atrium, Home Economics
- Prometheus Reading and Awards Presentation Reception. 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Furlong Gallery, Micheels Hall
- Spirit of Excellence Reception. Organization Fair at 3:30 p.m. Award Reception at 4:30 p.m. University Awards Program at 5 p.m. Terrace, MSC
- CAC's 7th Annual Relay for Life. 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Multi Purpose Room and Johnson Field House
- Miles of Making Tape: 40000 Events and Counting - Blue Devil Productions Art Display. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Ballroom A, MSC

Saturday, April 21

- Help the DNR plant over 3000 trees at Gilbert Creek stream restoration site. Bring gloves. 9 a.m. Gilbert Creek, Menomonie
- Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Club's 2nd Annual Mobility Wash. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Assistive Technology Lab, UW-Stout
- Miles of Making Tape: 40000 Events and Counting - Blue Devil Productions Art Display. 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Opening Reception 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Ballroom A, MSC
- Brat Fry. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. South Lawn, MSC
- Celebrate Our Community Reception. 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Presentation at 10:20 a.m. Heritage Café, MSC
- Study Abroad Opportunities at UW-Stout: Planning Ahead for Your Student's Global Experience. 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Q and A: 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Northwoods Room, MSC
- American Hospitality Professionals 31st Annual Benefit Auction. Silent Auction - 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Live Auction - 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Ballroom B, MSC
- School of Education Open House. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Room 267, Home Economics
- Ministry Open House. 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. The Big Blue House, Menomonie

Sunday April 22 - Earth Day

- Miles of Making Tape: 40000 Events and Counting - Blue Devil Productions Art Display. 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Ballroom A, MSC
- GreenSense Demonstration and Information Tables. 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Lawn in front of Applied Arts. Rain site: Rec Center, MSC
- Outdoor Veggie BBQ sponsored by GreenSense. 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Lawn in front of MSC
- Stout Adventures handing out free climbing wall passes. 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Lawn in front of MSC

Monday, April 23

- Miles of Making Tape: 40000 Events and Counting - Blue Devil Productions Art Display. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ballroom A, MSC

- Managing Your Web Presence and Visibility Workshop. 10:10 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. 4th Floor, Library Learning Center
- Women's History Month Presentation. 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. First Congregational United Church of Christ, Menomonie
- Beverly McIver Artist Talk - open to public. 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Room 210, Applied Arts

Tuesday, April 24

- Springtacular Sandwich Buffet. Cost: tickets in advance \$6.95, tickets at door \$7.33. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Corner III, 3rd Floor, Home Economics
- Interviewing Workshop. 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. 4th Floor, Library Learning Center

Wednesday, April 25

- Job Search Strategy Workshop. 10:10 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. 4th Floor, Library Learning Center
- AQIP Campus Forum. 11 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. Ballroom B, MSC
- Administrative Professionals Day Luncheon. 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Great Hall, MSC
- Food Sensory Evaluation Taste-Sampling. Takes 15 min. 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Room 252, Home Economics

Thursday, April 26

- Bake Sale. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 3rd Floor, Vocational Rehabilitation Building
- AQIP Campus Forum. 2:30 p.m. to 3:20 p.m. Ballroom B, MSC
- Portfolio Information Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. 4th Floor, Library Learning Center

Friday, April 27

- Critical Mass Bike Ride. 5 p.m. Meet at clock tower plaza at UW-Stout, Menomonie

Saturday, April 28

- All-You-Can-Eat benefit for community playground at River Heights Elementary. Cost: \$5. 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Applebees, Menomonie

Monday, April 30

- Dean of Students Candidate Presentation - Rex Cogdill. 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Ballroom A, MSC
- Take Back the Night for Sexual Assault Awareness Month. 8 p.m. Reek Center, MSC

Tuesday, May 1

- Retirement Reception. 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Ballrooms, MSC

Wednesday, May 2

- Social Sciences Seminar Series Presentation "The Social Security Problem and the Choices Before Us." 6 p.m. Micheels Hall

Entertainment

Thursday, April 19

- 9th Annual Strength Competition. Sign up by 10 p.m. April 18. Cost: Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Check in at 6:30 p.m. Weigh in at 6:45 p.m.
- Cardboard Battle. 4 p.m. Price Commons Lawn
- Mortal Gender Combat: Defeat the Stereotype. Need groups of four of all one gender. 7 p.m. CKTO basement
- Spring Musical: A New Brain. Cost: \$10. 7:30 p.m. Harvey Hall Theatre
- 5 By Design - musical. Cost: \$25 section A, \$20 section B, \$30 box seats. 7:30 p.m. Eau Claire Regional Arts Center, Eau Claire
- Brother Ali with Psalm One and More - music. Cost: Free with Stout ID, \$1 public. 8 p.m. Grandview Terrace, MSC

Friday, April 20

- A Snow Cone Event featuring Watching Leona music. 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Pawn Patio, MSC

- Cars - movie. 7 p.m. Room 210, Applied Arts
- In Overflow - music: free live concert and CD release party. 7 p.m. Blind Munchies Coffeehouse, Menomonie
- Spring Musical: A New Brain. Cost: \$10. 7:30 p.m. Harvey Hall Theatre
- One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest - play. Cost: adults \$13, students and seniors \$12. 7:30 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie
- The Last Hope, Vebal Kint, and on Board Records - music. Cost: \$3. 9 p.m. Bada Bingz, Menomonie
- Downers Grove - music. 10 p.m. Waterfront Bar and Grill, Menomonie
- Ol' Yeller - music. 11 p.m. Mr. Heavy's, Menomonie

Saturday, April 21

- 40th Annual Car Show. 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Dunn County Recreation Park, Menomonie
- Event at the Niche. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Room 211, Home Economics
- Ally Center Open House. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. MSC
- Cultural Festival: Performing and Visual Art. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pawn Patio, MSC
- 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament. 10 a.m. Register before April 21 - \$20 per team, at the door - \$25 per team. Outdoor Basketball Courts, next to North Hall
- Family Weekend Band Concert by the Stout Concert Band and Jazz Band. Cost: \$4. 11 a.m. Great Hall, MSC
- Ghetto Princess and the White Trash with Shaja Gypsy Tribe: "Benefit for KendraLind Kiley" - music. Cost: \$20, couple \$35. 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Dean and Sue's Bar, Menomonie
- Downers Grove Band - music. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Lawn in front of Applied Arts
- Spring Musical: A New Brain. Cost: \$10. 7:30 p.m. Harvey Hall Theatre
- One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest - play. Cost: adults \$13, students and seniors \$12. 7:30 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie
- Jeff Ray - music. 8 p.m. Acoustic Café, Menomonie
- Fashion Without Fabric - fashion show. Cost: public \$5, Stout faculty/ staff \$4, students \$3. 8 p.m. Great Hall, MSC

Sunday, April 22

- One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest - play. Cost: adults \$13, students and seniors \$12. 2 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Monday, April 23

- Crude Impact - movie. 7 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Tuesday, April 24

- Who Killed the Electric Car - movie. 7 p.m. Room 210, Applied Arts

Wednesday, April 25

- Silhouettes: Stout Apparel Society Spring 2007 Fashion Show. Cost: \$5. 5 p.m. Great Hall, MSC

Thursday, April 26

- We Kick Balls - 1st Annual Kickball Tournament. Need to be registered by April 11. Team of 8 - 14 players. Cost: entry fee of \$150 per team. 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Stoutnic. 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. South Campus Lawn
- One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest - play. Cost: adults \$13, students and seniors \$12. 7:30 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie
- Open Mic Night. Cost: Free with Stout ID, \$1 public. 8 p.m. Rec Center, MSC
- Enchanted Ape - music. 10 p.m. Waterfront Bar and Grill, Menomonie

Friday, April 27

- We Kick Balls - 1st Annual Kickball

Tournament. Noon to 8 p.m.

- 12th Annual Spring Golf Scramble. Need to register teams of 3 by April 25 at noon. Cost: faculty/ staff \$20, students/ CVGC members \$15. Need to check in by 2:45 p.m. Shot gun start at 3 p.m. Chippewa Valley Golf Club
- Sekou Conde presents a free drumming workshop. 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Glass Lounge, Price Commons
- One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest - play. Cost: adults \$13, students and seniors \$12. 7:30 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie
- Skullcranes and TBA - music. 11 p.m. Mr. Heavy's, Menomonie

Saturday, April 28

- Sekou Conde presents a free drumming workshop. 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Glass Lounge, Price Commons
- One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest - play. Cost: adults \$13, students and seniors \$12. 7:30 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie
- Hips for Hope: Belly Dance Benefit and Recital for The Bridge to Hope. Cost: community members \$10, students/ seniors \$5. 7:30 p.m. Great Hall, MSC
- Vinny Weible - music. 8 p.m. Acoustic Café, Menomonie
- The Twerps - music. 9:30 p.m. Pioneer Grill and Saloon, Menomonie
- Borderline - music. 9:30 p.m. Stout Ale House, Menomonie

Sunday, April 29

- One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest - play. Cost: adults \$13, students and seniors \$12. 7:30 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Tuesday, May 1

- Taco Bar Fiesta by Stout Retail Association. Cost: tickets \$5 in advance, \$6 at door. 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Leisure Service Center, Menomonie
- Table Tennis. 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Alliance Church Gymnasium, Menomonie
- The Wailin' Jennys - music. Cost: adults \$18, students and seniors \$16. 7 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Athletics

Thursday, April 19

- Softball at UW - Superior. 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 21

- Women's Golf at UW-Oshkosh Invite, 9 a.m.
- Softball vs. UW-Stevens Point, 3 p.m.
- Baseball vs. UW-La Crosse, noon

Sunday, April 22

- Baseball vs. UW-La Crosse, noon
- Softball at Carleton College, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, April 23

- Men's Golf hosts Border Battle

Wednesday, April 25

- Softball vs. UW-Eau Claire, 4 p.m.
- Baseball vs. UW-Stevens Point, 1 p.m.

Saturday, April 28

- Softball vs. UW-Whitewater, 1 p.m.
- Women's Golf at UW-Eau Claire Invite

Sunday, April 29

- Softball vs. UW-Oshkosh, 1 p.m.
- Women's Golf at UW-Eau Claire Invite

Monday, April 30

- Men's Golf at UW-Parkside, Kenosha

Tuesday, May 1

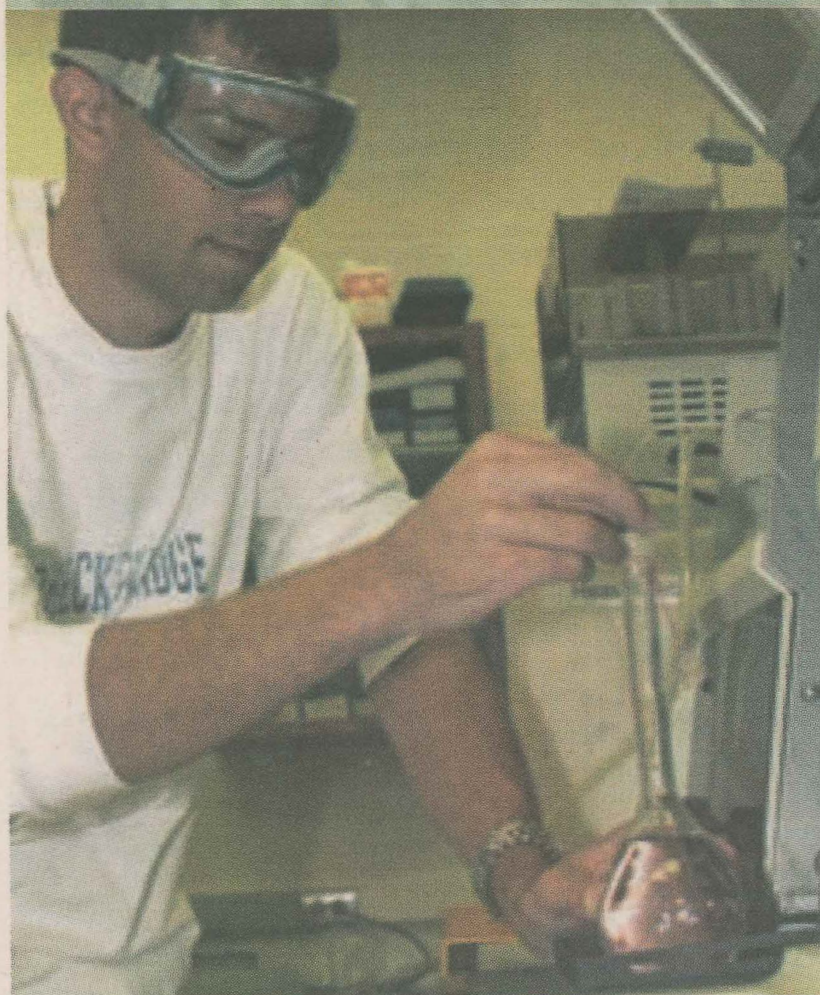
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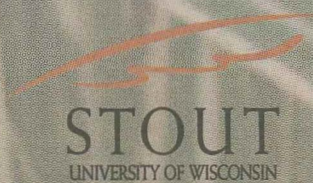
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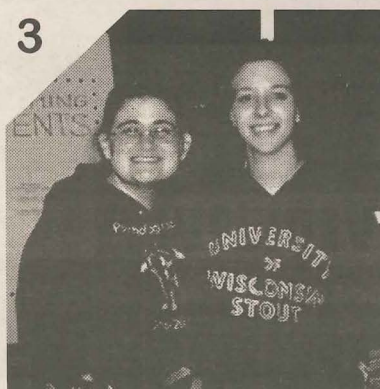
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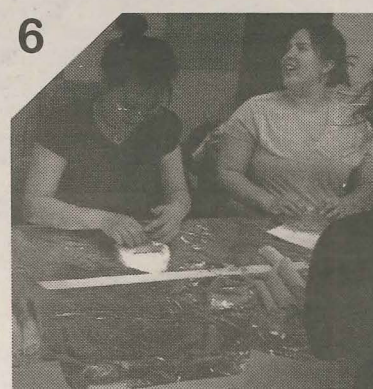
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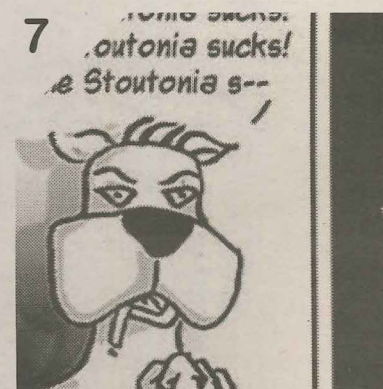
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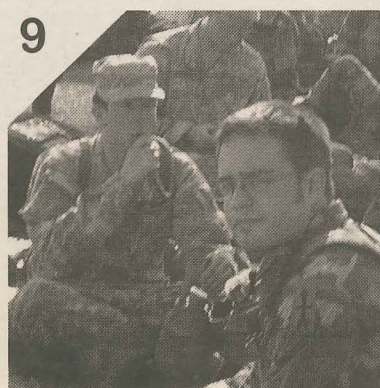
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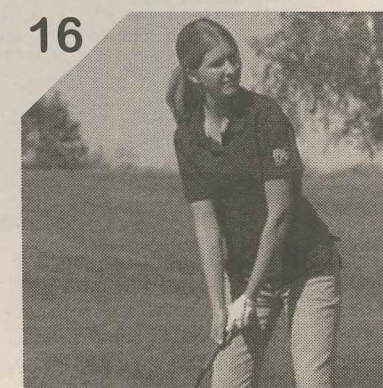
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Stout No. 1 in Wisconsin Recyclemania!

Tony Nelson
News Editor

University of Wisconsin-Stout students' first participation in a national college recycling championship earns them a green thumbs-up in Wisconsin.

UW-Stout students ranked first in several recycling categories compared to other Wisconsin schools including UW-River Falls, UW-Eau Claire, UW-Marquette and College of the Menominee Nation.

"These last ten weeks went great," Jenna Haroldson, senior, said. "Stout did an amazing job. I am so proud of my university right now."

Although UW-Stout students came in first among the Wisconsin schools, they were behind the leaders across the nation, ranking 88th in Per Capita Classic, 41st in Paper, 71st in Corrugated Cardboard and 54th in the Bottles and Cans category.

Haroldson, student co-chair for UW-Stout's RecycleMania effort with Heidi Behnke, said they can do even better next year. Some ideas to increase awareness and participation include starting earlier, getting funds for advertising before the event starts, large charts comparing stats between UW-Stout and other schools in heavy traffic areas on campus.

Even though the competition is over for this year, the two plan to meet with UW-Stout Chancellor Charles Sorenson and ask him for his support for next year's RecycleMania competition. They plan to ask for funding and to share ideas with the Chancellor to improve campus recycling. They are also seeking his support with a freshmen orientation activity about recycling and its importance.

One thing the two want to put in action is participation by campus organizations. They

would like to see each organization hold an activity during every week of the competition. This would increase the number of volunteers spreading the word to get students to recycle and help them compete across the nation.

"RecycleMania is going to keep on going," Haroldson said. "It will be an annual event that Stout will be honored to be involved in, making the world a better place to live, one recyclable at a time."

RecycleMania is coordinated as a project of National Recycling Coalition's College and University Recycling Council. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's WasteWise program and the National Recycling Coalition (NRC) support the program, which ran from January 27 to April 7. Over the ten-week period, more than 200 college campuses competed to see which institution could collect the largest amount of recyclables per capita, the largest amount of total recyclables, the least amount of trash per capita and garnered the highest recycling rate.

More than 41 million pounds of recyclables and organics were recovered across all campuses. This amount recovered during the competition prevented the release of 15,583 metric tons of carbon equivalent. In real world terms, this reduction in green house gases is equivalent to eliminating the impact caused in a year by 12,367 passenger cars, electric generation to power 7,335 households or the consumption of 6,507,707 gallons of gas.

RecycleMania was a great learning experience for the co-chairs. They were taught some lessons, some good and some bad. Students drastically underestimate the effect that one person's decision not to recycle can have and how quickly waste can add up. Most people don't recycle because it is more convenient to throw trash and recyclables all in



Contributed Photo

Jenna Haroldson (left) and Heidi Behnke (right), co-chairwomen of UW-Stout's RecycleMania stand proudly behind their efforts. The two led UW-Stout students to rank first among Wisconsin schools in the national competition.

one wastebasket. Most people think recycling is a choice and not an obligation to our environment. Many don't know or forget that not recycling is illegal in Wisconsin.

Behnke said the greatest lesson she learned was that UW-Stout has great potential to increase recycling rates on campus and that RecycleMania is a great way to achieve this goal. Promoting recycling during the ten weeks doesn't mean that the students who make the choice to recycle stop after that. They actively continue to recycle and inform others why they should recycle, too. When this happens and students consciously decide to re-

cycle, it sets the wheels in motion for a great change to take place.

Although Behnke, a junior, said she wants to pass the leadership role to other students on campus so they can have a chance to be creative and run the "friendly" recycling competition, she still wants to be involved as a volunteer with RecycleMania in the 2007-08 school year.

"The whole experience of RecycleMania and promoting recycling on campus is very rewarding and it is worthy of sharing with others," Behnke said.

UW-Stout students strut their research stuff

Tony Nelson
News Editor

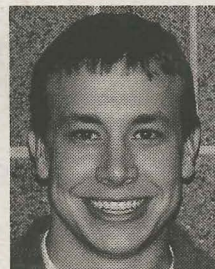
The University of Wisconsin-Stout held the annual UW-Stout Research Day 2007 and both students and faculty were able to show off the fruit of their labor on April 19. Over 80 participants registered to present a poster of their research with over 60 students involved with research.

Winners included Marc Hannum and Tim Lurvey for their research in "Nanocomposite Materials for Novel Heating Applications," Allyson Tart for her research in "Consumer Acceptance of Cranberry Seed Oil in Several Food Formulations." These two tied for first place in the natural science division.

Matthew Jenks, Chelsea Treiber, Justin Aoki and Veronica Sweeney won first place in the social science category for their ongoing research into "Desensitization to Violence: Do Violent Video Games Have an Effect?," and Annie Hibbs was awarded second place for

"Breastfeeding Intentions of Pregnant Smokers and Non-Smokers."

The winners were chosen by UW-Stout faculty with interest and academic training in scientific methodology and the entries were divided into two categories of natural and social sciences, said Liubov Samsonova, one of the coordinators for Research Day. Natural science included areas of study that seek to answer questions



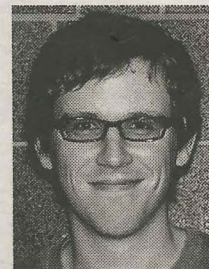
Matt Jenks

about the natural world. Those areas include astronomy, biology, chemistry, earth sciences, physics and many more. For the purposes of research day, mathematics and computer science are grouped with natural sciences. Social sciences included areas of study that seek to answer questions about human beings in the

world and included education, geography, history, information science, psychology, sociology, social policy, etc.

Awards were also presented based on audience favorites. In the natural sciences category, the audience also chose Allyson Tart's presentation on cranberry seed oil. The audience choice in the social sciences came to a tie between "Hmong Cookbook Project," Leah Rekau and Mai Pang Lee; and "Student-Directed Distributed Lab Management Solutions," Tony Nelson and Cody Lombard.

Matt Jenks said they were trying to prove their hypothesis, but from their findings, learned it was wrong. They were trying to see if violent games desensitized people. The proj-



Marc Hannum

ect was time consuming. The group had over 30 subjects in the lab and it took a lot of time to test, collect and analyze the information, Jenks said. Getting used to new equipment and learning how to work with the subjects also took a lot of time.

In the end it was worth it. The group designed the study so it gave them good, practical hands-on experience, which they will need because many are going on for their graduate work.

Hannum and Lurvey did research on single-walled carbon nano-tubes. They found the material had some interesting properties and decided to research the property of thermal conductivity. They found the nano-tube can collect energy from the sun and then releases that energy as heat. If the nano-tube is encapsulated within a polymer, it could be used as a deicing material for airplane wings.

Their research also had some bumps. They worked out of a storage closet and with

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Stout mourns student's death



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Derrick J. Freeberg, 20, a junior in the art-multimedia design program, died unexpectedly early Friday, April 20 as the result of a single motor vehicle accident in Dunn County. Freeberg was the driver and the only person in the vehicle.

A funeral service was held at April 24 at Christian Life Fellowship Church in Port Edwards, Wis. Burial followed in Restlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, town of Grand Rapids, Wis. Derrick was born May 31, 1986, to Carrie Wroblewski and Don Sargent in Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. At the age of two, he moved to Stevens Point, Wis. He attended

McKinley School, Ben Franklin Junior High School and graduated from SPASH in 2004.

A spaghetti dinner benefit will be held in memory of Freeberg. The dinner will be held from 4 to 8 p.m., May 7 at the Menomonie Leisure Center, 1412 Sixth Avenue in Menomonie, Wis. There will be a raffle for prizes at the meal, such as meals from local restaurants, tans, movie passes and other prizes. Tickets for the raffle will be sold at the dinner, \$2 for a ticket or 3 tickets for \$5. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door. For advance tickets or questions call (715) 323-3342.

Meet the new guys



Kyle Kingston/Stoutonia

The Stoutonia Editorial Board for 2007-2008. Front row (left to right): Nick Langer (advertising manager), Chelsea Rickert (entertainment editor), Katie Kenner (opinions editor), A.J. Forst (chief copy editor), Tony Nelson (editor-in-chief). Back row (left to right): Mike Bleckwehl (production manager), Alan Briggs (ad design manager), Alex Van Dreel (computer technician), Mark Adamczak (business manager), Evan Theurer (digital imaging/online editor). Not pictured: Amanda Schield (news/feature editor) and Ryan McGlennen (sports editor).

Stout's latest defeat in the war on drugs

Kyle Kingston
Editor-in-Chief

Editor's Note: In a previously printed edition of this volume a picture of hockey coach Terrence Watkins was mistakenly put in above the name of athletic director Steve Terry. On behalf of the Stoutonia I wish to extend our sincerest apologies, both to Mr. Watkins and to our readership, for this error—there is no excuse. I also wish to stress that there is absolutely nothing to suggest the involvement of Watkins with the occurrences detailed in this story.

University of Wisconsin-Stout athletes were cited this week by Menomonie police officers for drug charges. Again. This time the names on the police blotter are roommates Antawan Walker and Courtney Cain (for delivery of cocaine) and Arinze Ikemefuna (for possession of drug paraphernalia). All are recently suspended UW-Stout students.

"They were suspended last week from the football team for violations of athletic department policies," said UW-Stout communications director Doug Mell.

Mell did not specify the details surrounding the violations, or which violations were committed by Walker, Cain and Ikemefuna. The three remain enrolled as students.

According to the Leader-Telegram article of the incident, which broke May 2, "On April 11 a confidential informant arranged to purchase cocaine from Cain. The informant wore a body wire and met Cain, who had Walker with him in the 100 block of 12th Avenue and purchased one gram of cocaine for \$100.

"Officers took the license plate of the car, leading them to Cain and Walker."

When police officers executed search

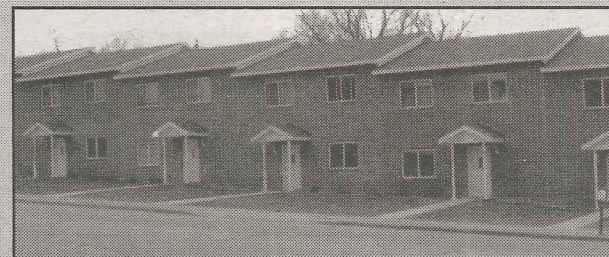
warrants this week at the dorm room of Cain and Walker and at the rental home of Ikemefuna, a trace amount of marijuana and two pipes were found in Ikemefuna's home.

The home of Ikemefuna is owned by UW-Stout athletic director Steve Terry, who was a major proponent of the mandatory drug testing policy instigated by UW-Stout earlier this year.

That makes seven "former" UW-Stout athletes charged in drug cases during the 2006-2007 academic year. In December, Luke Steffen and Nicholas OrRico made headlines when Steffen was charged with maintaining a drug trafficking place and three misdemeanor counts for possession of marijuana, cocaine and drug paraphernalia and OrRico was charged with manufacturing or delivering marijuana, felony possession with intent to deliver and misdemeanor possession of paraphernalia.

University and city police declined comment pending the release of an official statement. Blue Devil football head coach Duey Naatz declined comment, as well.

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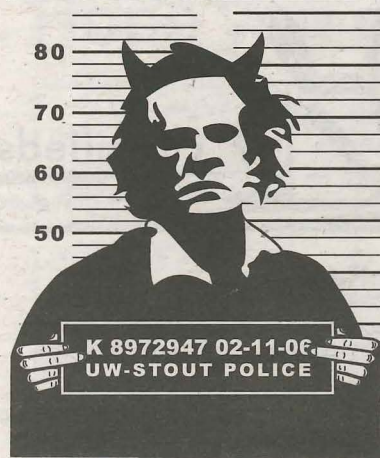
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Not a paperless world

Police stopped a student when she was found putting fliers on car windshields in Lot 14 without permission. Police told her to hand the flyers to people instead of putting them on windshields and to remove all fliers she had already put on vehicles.

Keys to success

The IRHA office reported two cabinet keys missing on April 18. One key was lost and the other key was taken by a former UW-Stout employee. New keys have been ordered.

Please curb your ... backpacks?

On April 19, police received a report that a UW-Stout backpack was found on the curb along South Broadway. Police seized the backpack and took down the license number of a car parked near the backpack. A student later claimed the backpack stating he left it outside Parrot Bay Tanning while he ran inside.

With friends like this...

On April 20, a student reported his Xbox missing from his room and it may have been removed between noon and 3 p.m. The student locked his door, but when he returned it was unlocked. Roommates are not suspected said the student, but some of his friends have "borrowed" things before.

Dysfunctional family weekend

A student reported two women fighting outside a dorm room. The mother and daughter, a UW-Stout student, had been to the bars earlier. Talk about "school, boys, female stuff and life in general" escalated to screaming and hitting. After the student reported the incident, he broke up the fight until police arrived and the couple told police everything was fine and were allowed to go to the daughter's dorm room for the night.

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Out on a "walk-a-bout"

On April 24, a student reported her roommate missing from Red Cedar Hall. The roommate had left the dorm room at 9:30 p.m. for ice cream and did not return and did not answer her cell phone.

The roommate was later found in another Red Cedar Hall room watching movies with friends, where she put her cell phone on silent mode.

Step 1: put cable through bike frame...

A cable lock was reported to still be locked to the north bike rack at HKMC. Unfortunately, the bike the lock belonged to was missing.

The cable lock had been maneuvered around the bike and the bike was stolen. The bike's owner did not give permission for anyone to take the bike and there are no suspects.

Just like Animal House

Police received a report of four women throwing water balloons out of the window of a blue Dodge Intrepid.

Police later located the unoccupied car parked near Red Cedar Hall. Police tried to cross the car information with Red Cedar Hall information, but was unable to find a match.

When leaving Red Cedar Hall, Police saw two women getting into the car. When asked about the incident, the women admitted they had done it and agreed not to do it again.

Research day (cont.)

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funding from Student Resource Services, they were able to buy equipment and materials needed to do this research.

Hannum and Lurvey will both pursue their graduate degree from the University of Minnesota-Minneapolis, Lurvey in material science and Hannum in technical communications. Hannum has experience in writing from his work for the U.S. Department of Energy in the neutron facilities for the past few years.

Tart said her research was first focused toward flax seeds, but her advisor, Professor Cynthia Rohrer, pointed her in the direction of cranberry seed oil. Tart said the oil from cranberries was as heart healthy as the Omega 3 fish oils, but tasted better. The purpose of her research is to convince consumers that the taste of foods prepared with cranberry seed oil was comparable to foods prepared with other cooking oils, such as canola oil.

The research was done by preparing two sets of foods, one with cranberry oil and one with canola oil and then performing taste tests. Tart said the hardest part, beside choosing the subject of her research, was making the samples all look the same so people wouldn't judge the food on its appearance.

The event has grown over the years, said Samsonova, a graduate student in the training and development program. There were a lot

more people this year than last year and the event had to expand from one room to two.

Samsonova said all areas of academic disciplines can be studied using a scientific method. In fact, distinct research methods are often associated with a specific discipline

or type of question. Students, staff and faculty from all disciplines are invited and encouraged to present their questions, hypotheses and findings during Research Day.

For example, she said this year's Research Day show-

cased creative approaches to address a vast variety of problems and topics from climate change technologies for the music industry, fluoride in tea, college student's attitudes about cohabitation and functional costumes to name a few.

"I've been really amazed at how students have done very thorough scientific research and it starts with the idea that has been supported by professors and with little supervision was able to follow through and who knows, you might hear these kids names as Nobel prize winners," Samsonova said.



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A production line of UW-Stout students make egg rolls in the CKTO's dormitory kitchen on May 2. Students taught others to make egg rolls as part of the Hmong Awareness week sponsored by the Hmong Stout Student Organization. The HSSO held other events including a Hmong culture show, a play on Hmong culture and a workshop on social justice at 7 p.m., May 3. The week wraps up with "Hmong Wedding 101" presented during the UW-Stout's 21st Annual Education Conference on May 4. For more information, surf over to www.uwstout.edu/student/hssso/index.shtml.

Winning designs in denim

Five students studying apparel design and development at the University of Wisconsin-Stout earned awards at Career Day 2007, hosted by The Fashion Group International of Dallas, in Dallas, Texas, April 20. Career Day is a national fashion design competition. This year 41 schools from 12 states participated with more than 300 entries.

The denim jacket designs of all five students received distinctive honors and were selected for display. Three of the UW-Stout designs were chosen to be among the best designs of the competition and were among the ten overall designs selected to be modeled in the 2007 Career Day's fashion show. One student design took third place.

Carli Vergamini, a freshman from Superior, earned third place in the Diffa denim jacket category; her entry was chosen to be professionally modeled on the runway.

Deanna Badman, a freshman from Lake Elmo, Minn., and Ashley Kolln, a sophomore from West Allis, were denim jacket entry finalists; their entries were chosen to be professionally modeled on the runway.

Laura Cuccia-Nilsen, a junior from River Falls, Wis., and Kayla Wolfe, a freshman from Menomonie, Wis., had their denim jacket entries selected for display throughout the day's events.



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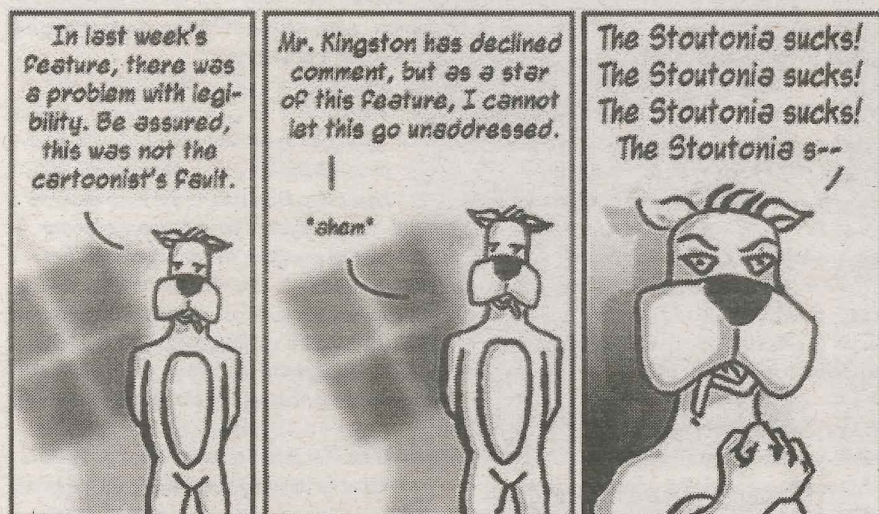
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Some loudmouth cartoonist's idea of a joke, circa 2004. Definitive proof that Stoutonia will hire just about anybody.

By Kyle Kingston
(soon-to-be-former)
Editor-in-Chief

This year had more than its fair share of stumbling blocks and crises, some of them more discouraging than others, but the staff of Stoutonia rolled with every single punch, determined to get this paper to press through it all.

Proof positive that you have to be a little crazy to be on this staff, much less stay on it.

I'll start with this year's Editorial Board, which featured a lot of faces that were brand new to Stoutonia. They wasted little time in making this publication their own.

In no particular order:

Bill Myszk, our production manager, originally signed on as a layout designer before fate intervened. His sense of humor and laidback approach helped production nights run smoothly, and of course his design abilities were a large part of what made our relaunch a reality.

Ally Funkhouser, our advertising manager. Our master of rebuilding bridges, Ally is, without doubt, the best thing that has ever happened to advertising. She and her advertising representatives work long hours to keep our coffers full and advertisers happy. In addition to that, Ally is possibly the sanest and most organized member of our staff (though I imagine somewhat less sane than when she started).

Alan Briggs and Alex Van Dreel do all the ad design. What can I say? They're good guys and they're good at what they do. Also, both are returning next year: Alan's resuming his old post and Alex is stepping into the role of computer technician.

Tony Nelson, our news editor since January, is unique amongst our staff for many reasons. True, he is certainly our baldest staff member, but he has also had professional newspaper experience and knows his way around covering news better than anyone. He initially applied for a staff writing position, but when our former

news editor found it necessary to leave, Tony filled the demanding role when we needed him most. And you certainly have not seen the last of this guy: he has made the tough decision to step into the role of editor-in-chief for next year's volume. I don't envy him the countless headaches that await him, but I'm glad Stoutonia is being left in his capable hands.

Unbeknownst to her when she started, Chelsea Rickert, our entertainment editor, was under scrutiny. You see, the entertainment section was mine last year and though I was confident Chelsea was capable, I still felt possessive. However, Chelsea quickly proved me quite wrong: she wasn't merely capable, she was better at covering the entertainment beat than I ever was. The variety and style of the entertainment section has been one of Stoutonia's largest draws this year, due in large part to her efforts. Thank God she's keeping her post next year.

Casey Nold, our sports editor, does quite a lot with quite a little. It's usually just Casey and her go-to writer, Josh Parshley, cranking out the sports section every issue, and it's never looked nor read better.

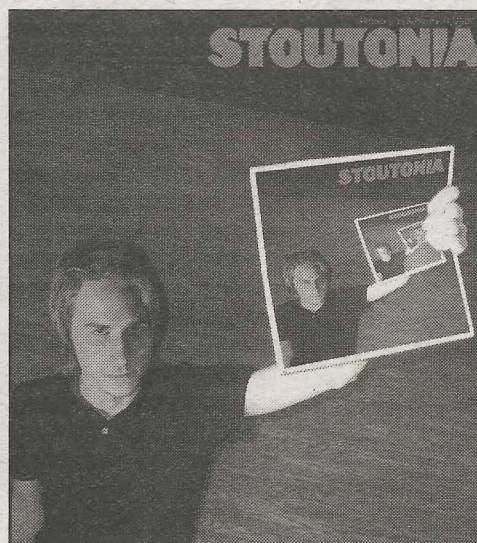
Sam Schuna, our opinions editor (or "opinionz," as he prefers) is, apart from being an oddball, one hell of a writer. In addition to his duties as editor he also cranks out two regular features, both of them Stoutonia highlights. He's the brains behind Zombie Socrates and, every so often, we force him to have an adventure of some sort and write about it. He will be missed.

Theresa Radtke, our chief copy editor, filled some pretty big shoes when our first chief copy editor, Xander Moser, left us at the end of the fall semester. She exceeded some high expectations, in keeping with Stoutonia's long tradition of exceptional copy editors.

Mark Adamczak, our business manager, is, like Theresa, also a fairly new recruit. Conscientious, dependable and reliable—everything you could want in the guy handling



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your finances, which is good since he'll be returning to his post next year.

David Hackel and Evan Theurer seldom get the props they deserve. They're our computer geeks, or computer technician and online editor, respectively. If it's computer or technology-based and it works, thank David. If it's appearing on our Web site and it works and looks cool, that's Evan's doing (and if it's online and it's screwed up, that's because Evan's still working on fixing something I broke). David is graduating this year, but Evan is returning next year to resume his old post and take on new responsibilities as photography editor.

Which brings us to Jason Harsh, our current photography editor. If Jason loves something that's found its way into Stoutonia, it usually means the rest of our readership has been horribly offended. Extremely offbeat sense of humor aside, Jason was quite adept at handling the photographic needs of Stoutonia with a flair all his own. Many of the more effective covers of Stoutonia had Jason's hand in them.

Stoutonia has been blessed with many excellent writers, designers, photographers, illustrators and ad reps. I wish I had the



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Above: Ah, memories. Those early beginnings and missteps. Kinda weird to look at now, ain't it? Left: Stoutonia enjoys its rebirth as a bi-weekly news magazine.

space to list them all. They've all done outstanding work and have my gratitude. I have never been prouder to work alongside anyone.

I don't have the space to acknowledge everyone that I should, but I wish that I did.

Now for the unsung heroes of Stoutonia. Their names are almost never seen in print, but without them you wouldn't be holding this thing in your hands.

Jody Engeldinger and Wendy Gilomen handle our payroll and finances, respectively. They are patient and good people.

Mary McManus. I can't say enough good things about this woman. Look up "positive thinking" anywhere—dictionary, encyclopedia, Google, I don't care—and you should find Mary's picture. She's one of Stoutonia's best friends and most trusted allies.

Rachel Schroeder helped out in no small measure with design work during the months leading up to Stoutonia's relaunch. Bill and I were in a creative rut and she was a breath of fresh air. One of the big things she's given us is Stoutonia's new logo. I hope every issue comes to her as a reminder of the good work she's done.

Which brings us, finally, to David Tank: English instructor, journalism guru and adviser to wayward student publications, extraordinary. If something's in Stoutonia and it works, it's a fair bet you can trace the idea back to this man. He was the driving force behind the relaunch and has helped steer us through both the good times and the bad.

There. That's the end of my run on Stoutonia. Thank you all for your indulgence.

I think I'm going to go take a nap now.



zombie socrates

Hey, kids, it's me: Zombie Socrates. I'm back from the dead and in Menomone for the time being, so I thought I could do my part for society by

giving advice to you young whippersnappers and answer any questions you might have about the meaning of life, truth, justice, girlfriend/boyfriend squabbles or anything in between. The shop is open, so ask away!

Dear Zombie Socrates,
When the animals were on Noah's Ark why did they not eat each other?
Sincerely,
The Animal Lover

Dear Animal Lover,
Since God brought all the animals two by two to Noah, I am sure he gave strict instructions to each one of them that they were not to eat each other.

In any case, if animals back then got eaten by each other we would never know which ones they were since they would not exist today. Probably explains why there aren't any unicorns.

Dear Zombie Socrates,
Most of your life is told by your student Plato. Are you still friends with him?
Sincerely,
Philosopher Steve

Dear Philosopher Steve,
Unfortunately I am not friends with Plato these days.

He could not find greatness on his own so he resorted to stealing my ideas and using them as his own.

Since then I have only spoken to him once (see issue 19 for his write-in to this column, the little bastard).

Dear Zombie Socrates,
Do cats know what we are saying? I swear my cat understands everything I say to it.

Sincerely,
Crazy Cat Lady

Dear Crazy Cat Lady,
Although there is no conclusive evidence that cats can understand what humans speak to them, many scientists believe that cats are aliens studying homo sapiens and are capable of understanding human speech.

These scientists seldom receive research grants.

Dear Zombie Socrates,
Can you swim in beer?
Sincerely,
Beer lover

Dear Beer Lover,
Although one would wonder why you want to swim in beer, yes you could physically swim in it. In Europe there are such things as beer spas where customers get to soak in warm beer.

Beer is said to have properties that help cure skin diseases and add shine to hair. If you go to one of these spas, I wouldn't recommend drinking the beer.

Dear Zombie Socrates,
Are you single?
Sincerely,
Call Me

Dear Call Me,
Why yes, I am, if you don't mind warm maggots overflowing from my mouth uncontrollably and the possibility that I might tear your face off with my bear hands and ravenously consume your innards. But hey, if that kind of thing turns you on, then sure. I've met women with stranger fetishes.

What's up Zombie-face,
Aren't you zombies supposed to be,

like, evil and in mass armies and taking over the human race with your evil brain-craving zombie ways and stuff? Why are you writing for a student newspaper?

Sincerely,
Todd

Dear Todd,
Hey man. Don't stereotype us. Believe me, I enjoy my fair share of supple human flesh just as much as the next zombie, but it's not my whole life. I have to pay the rent. I have to buy groceries. I enjoy the occasional film. It's not like eating humans is the only things that interest us... except maybe for Lincoln, he's been going downhill lately...

Dear Zombie Socrates,
What is the smartest thing you've ever said?
Sincerely,
Pupil of Life

Dear Pupil,
If you're drinking apple juice and it's warm, chances are it ain't apple juice.

If you have any questions you would like to ask me, simply send them to stoutonia@uwstout.edu, and be sure to include Zombie Socrates in the subject header!

Political government class

By Theresa Radtke
Chief Copy Editor

This is an honest student perspective on a class I think should be optional for students.

As an education major, I am required to take political government for one semester and pass it with a C. I am going to be teaching art, not political science. For sure I want to incorporate government in my art classroom, if something important arises.

I remember when 9/11 happened, my art teacher had us choose some political symbols to put into an art piece to show how we felt about the attack.

Politics really do not interest me. Today we took 40 minutes in class to discuss the elections coming in 2008. I do not want to discuss elections one year in advance. The elections should be discussed when they matter, in 2008!

In class the whole time we were being lectured, I wasn't getting anything out of it. If I wanted to learn about the government elections, I could just look on the Internet and find it on the Web. Although I am not interested in politics, I still vote and will keep voting. I may not be interested or want to have a semester on it, but I still know what's going on.

The problem is that I feel like I am in a circle that will never stop spinning with this

course. What I mean is, I know the University of Wisconsin-Stout cannot take out the class. It is up to the government to decide what general courses education majors must take.

But it is a government class that I am not interested in for the first place. I am in a spinning circle of something I will never be able to control.

All I wish is that the class could be optional. What we learned this whole semester is information I already learned in high school. If I wanted to learn more on the subject, I wish I could've had the option.

A history class would even be better for a requirement, because the history of the world and America is much more interesting and beneficial to learn about than what we learn in a political government class. Plus, aren't teachers supposed to be neutral in the classroom when it comes to politics? I just don't get why education majors are required to take the course. Since I am not interested in it, the course has been bringing down my GPA.

I even try to do well, too. I study for the quizzes and tests. I take notes during lectures and ask questions when I don't understand something.

But when it comes down to it, a person cannot learn something that they just aren't interested in.

Background checks fail

By Katie Kenner
Future Opinions Editor

After the shock of the Virginia Tech massacre seems to wane, the thought comes to mind about how Cho Seung-Hui got his guns so easily.

As a firearms dealer through my place of work, I cannot comprehend how this man made it through the background check. Then again, who is regulating control? When filling out the National Instant Criminal Background Check you are specifically asked if you have ever been adjudicated mentally defective or ... committed to a mental institution. In 2005, Cho Seung-Hui was declared a danger to himself and was ordered to receive psychiatric help by a Virginia court. Under federal law this would prohibit Cho Seung-Hui from purchasing the gun. Although Cho Seung-Hui was treated as an outpatient, he still should have been registered in the system, as the law states. Seung-Hui Cho should have answered the question yes because technically he was judged mentally defective. But he did not answer honestly since he answered no. Anyone that answers yes to that question is to be automatically denied. Should honesty be the best policy? The question comes to mind that had he been made to register in the system would the system have caught it? Probably not. Officials have stated that state and federal databases are incomplete.

Is blame to be put on the FBI? How about the National Instant Criminal system? Or what about the people who sold him the gun? People who are licensed to sell firearms have the right to deny anyone they deem incompetent from purchasing a gun. Reasons can stem from drunkenness, drug influence or how the person acts or what they say during the firearm transaction. I have denied several people for things they have said or done in my presence. Did Cho Seung-Hui seem competent at the time of purchase or was the dealer hungry for money? That will be something we will never know.

The point is that under United States law Cho Seung-Hui should not have been allowed to buy the gun. The system needs to be reevaluated so that we can keep guns away from madmen. Then again, this doesn't stop straw purchases where people buy a gun for someone else who cannot legally purchase the gun. This also doesn't stop the black market.

So now what? Does the general public need to take this on themselves to help regulate the distribution of firearms or shall we sit back and allow more people to legally buy guns who shouldn't? Each time an incident occurs such as the Virginia Massacre or even the deer hunting incident in Rice Lake, Wisc., firearms issues are brought up. How many more massacres and tragedy must occur before something is done?

How I spent my Saturday getting shot at by the army (sort of)

Kyle Kingston

Editor-in-Chief

On April 28, the Reserve Officers' Training Corps. (ROTC) of UW-Stout invited me to join them at Fort McCoy, outside Tomah, Wis., to observe a day of training in combat scenarios. I would be the "embedded media," which is to say I would be assigned to a squad whose orders, in addition to their regular orders, would be to accomodate and protect me. All weapons used would be firing paintballs. I would, of course, be armed solely with a pen and a camera.

ROTC squads from UW-Stout and UW-Stevens Point, both under the command Lt. Col. Scott Bolstad, would be present for the exercises.

At a few minutes past 5:00 a.m. the bus left the parking lot of the Communication Technology building. The sun had not yet risen. The ride was bumpy enough that at first I was amazed at how many of the cadets around me were able to fall asleep—that is, until I dozed off myself. We arrived at Fort McCoy around 7:00 p.m. About an hour of organizing and weapons testing later, I joined a squad as they set off for their first training exercises, pocket notebook in hand and camera and canteens slung around my neck.

As I look through the notes I took that day, I'm dismayed to see far more material than I could ever fit into this small space. Names of cadets, backstories, humorous anecdotes—all the things that would flesh these cadets out, are all going to have to be either saved for a longer piece or given as the briefest of sketches.

Tagging along, I expected at least some token reluctance on their part for having to put up with me. Far from it. Every one of them was quite generous in answering my questions as they went about their business, whether it be neutralizing an enemy bunker or taking out a communications post.

Kyle Gruber was particularly helpful. An Iraq veteran, Gruber impressed me with his affability and natural ability to lead. Also helpful were cadets Megan Jacquart and Bikash Gurung, whose loan of digital cameras (initially to take pictures for their personal records) proved more helpful than they'd intended when it turned out the batteries in my Stoutonia-issue camera drained themselves far earlier than I'd anticipated. The best photos I took that day, the ones here, were courtesy of their generosity.

Lt. Col. Bolstad had encouraged me to go anywhere I needed to in order to get my story, and I was interested to see how far that extended. I don't know how much access the professional press is allowed in warzones when bullets are actually flying, but they let me get as close to the action as I cared to. Short of carrying a rucksack and a gun, they let me experience everything they experienced, involving me in the adrenaline rush of a firefight, experiencing the tedium and anticlimax of "hurry up and wait" (plenty of this) and even providing me with an "MRE," or a meal ready-to-eat, for lunch. Army food

is notoriously bad, but I was expecting worse than what I got. Warned away from the beef enchilada, I went with something that called itself spaghetti. Not the worst stuff I've ever had, but I had no trouble heeding Gruber's advice in eating it faster than I could taste it.

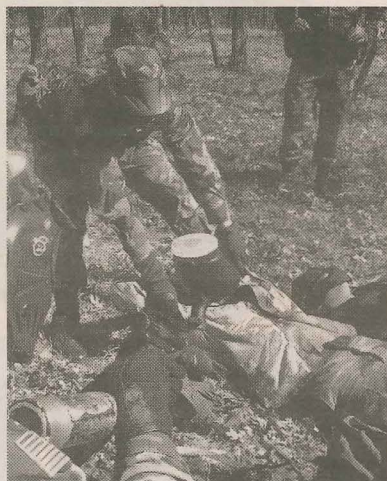
Back to the relationship of the military and the press. The first exercise of the morning had quite a surprise for me, and for the cadets with whom I was embedded: a "network reporter" had wandered into the area of their op with a video camera and a mouth that wouldn't quit. At the top of his lungs he would exclaim stuff like, "I'm an American! I have a right to be here!" or "Whatcha guys doin'?" You doing something secret?"

I went to one of the cadets next to me (at this point paintball masks were on so I had no idea who it was) and asked, "Is this what you guys really think of the press? I can't conceive of anyone acting this unprofessionally." The cadet acknowledged that the Stevens Point ROTC guy who was playing reporter was playing his part quite broadly (the actual term he used was "douchebag") and I was assured by one of the colonels present that most reporters, when informed that their safety cannot be guaranteed, will conduct themselves reasonably and responsibly. Still, I couldn't help but be amazed at this interpretation of

reporter-as-nuisance. I was relieved that army protocol didn't mandate shooting the guy, but I am somewhat disturbed that the method of dealing with him eventually meant binding and gagging him. Yes, in that scenario he was endangering himself and others, but the scenario was so exaggerated that I can't believe it was part of a training exercise. It makes me wonder how the press in the Middle East really do get treated, if this is how they're perceived.

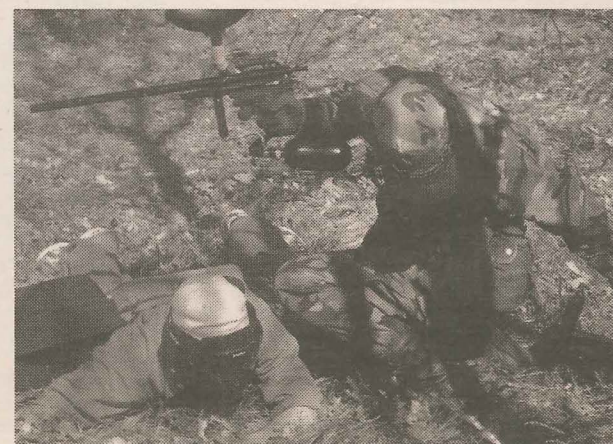
But as I've said, the ROTC cadets of UW-Stout were more than kind to me, the "embedded media," and for my part I was glad to be there. It was a privilege getting to know them.

Far from being treated like maggots a la "Full Metal Jacket," the cadets' experience that day was all about teamwork, camaraderie and effective leadership.



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(Top left) A cadet helps examine slain "terrorists" for weapons. (Top right) Having neutralized an enemy bunker, a squad moves in to secure the area. (Above) Kyle Gruber goes over the rough layout and plans for an upcoming mission. (Left) The embedded journalist is granted fatigues and a weapon for the final event of the day, a Stout vs. Stevens Point game of "capture the flag." I don't think they were gunning for me, but I did manage to get myself shot several times. FYI: paintball stings like hell.



(Top) An army simulation of a network reporter gets in the face of two cadets. Geraldo at his worst was never as obnoxious or as loud as this caricature. (Bottom) The network reporter is subdued, bound and gagged. He is unharmed but proclaims himself "scared."

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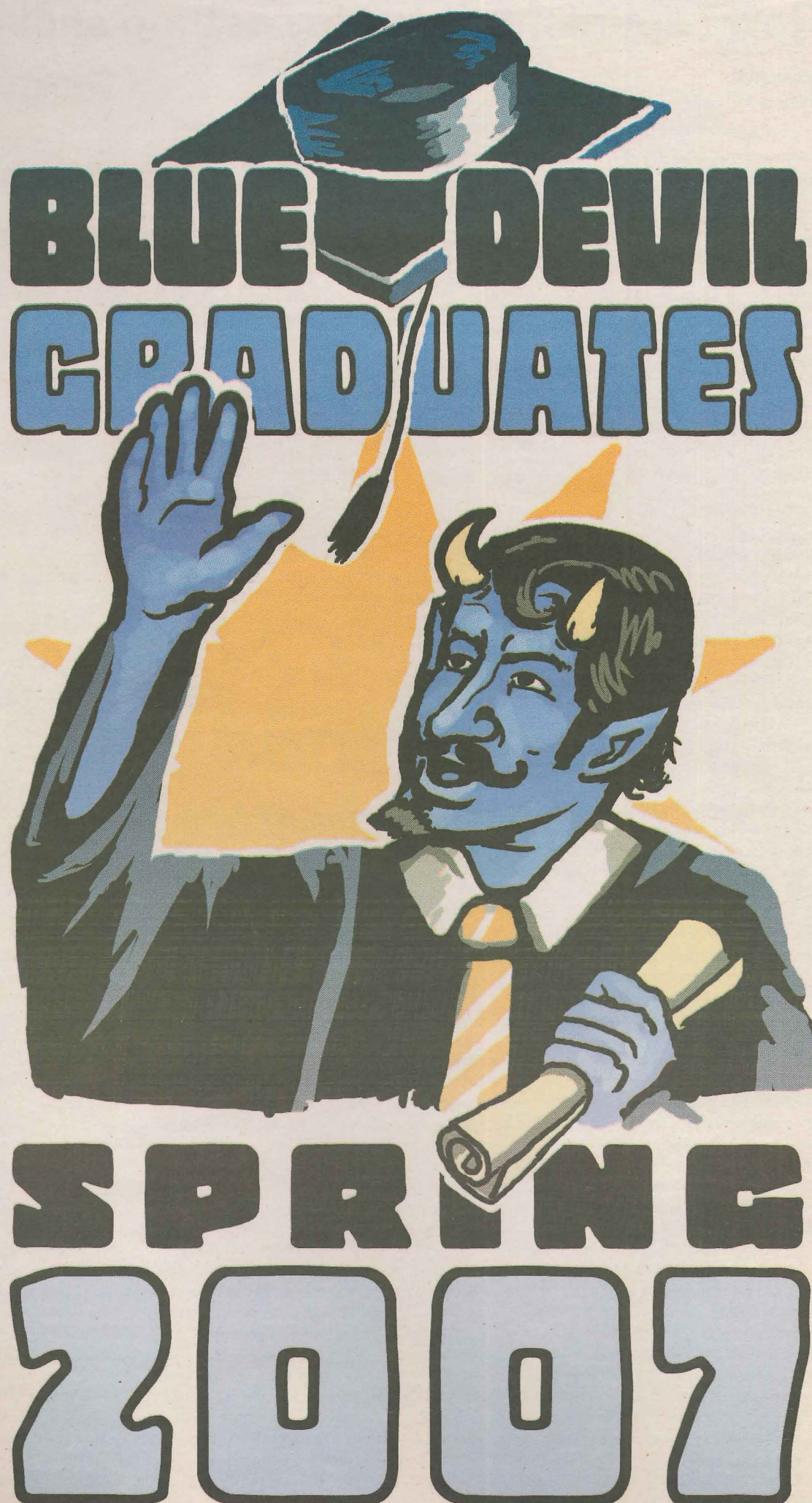
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The "two-sided" life of Doc Bob

By Brittany Bean
Staff writer

Robert Horan, Ph.D., is leading a double life. Well, maybe it is more like a "triple" life that rarely gets dull, according to Horan.

He spends his days as a professor in the Department of English and Philosophy at the University of Wisconsin-Stout and as the director of the University Honors Program where he is warmly referred to as "Doc Bob." When the school day is done, Horan exits his role as teacher and advisor and enters his role as a learner in the Troppo Big Band Jazz Orchestra, of which he has been a member since summer of 2004.

Horan's involvement with these three different jobs allows him to satisfy both his desire to teach, as well as his passion to learn. His position as the director of the UHP uniquely combines these two aspects.

"The honors part of my job is a way to be involved with both sides," Horan said. "I think the [honors] classes are a little different when students really get engaged, and we're kind of learning together. Everybody is pushing forward against what they don't know."

Horan's involvement with students doesn't end when they complete his classes though. He gets to watch as honor's members continue on their path of learning.

"I like seeing what happens over four to five years with students. Most of our teachers never see what happens with students. Here, I get to see people change over time," Horan said.

The UHP began in the spring of 1995. Horan went around to the honors English classes and invited students to be a part of the new honors program he helped create. About 15 to 20 signed up getting the UHP underway.

As the director, Horan had a clear objective for this new program.

"The honors program is about setting up chances for people to accomplish things they wouldn't have accomplished otherwise – to create opportunities," Horan said.

Before teaching at UW-Stout, Horan spent numerous years working with mentally ill and juvenile delinquents. He took the kids backpacking, canoeing and bicycling as part of their treatment plan and easily incorporated this background into the UHP.

"We've done the snowshoeing, hikes, canoeing trips and picnics every spring at the house. We've also got cultural excursions," Horan said. "I try to find events that students wouldn't otherwise do like the opera, the symphony or trips to Guthrie Theatre."

"People did these things for me when I was a young person, and I needed it. The art of good education is getting the right thing to people when they need it," Horan said.

Horan works hard to provide students with both the entertainment and the education they need. Often times, honors activities are a clever blend of both. The honors colloquiums, held once a semester, create a fun atmosphere where lively discussions and humorous stories ensue about various philosophical and sometimes bizarre ideas.

The colloquiums also allow Horan to show his co-workers what the UHP is about, since other UW-Stout faculty help in leading discussions. Horan enjoys this opportunity.

"I get to have an interesting kind of contact with my colleagues and faculty. I get to talk to people about Plato, is there such a thing as a pure number, the string theory and faith and reason. You get closer to what everybody thinks is cool about higher education. It puts you in touch with the teachers who like that," Horan said.

"This is my ideal job. Your career is always a bit retrospective. This is a job that allows me to put a bunch of my interests and skills to use. There might be others, but I haven't bothered to look because I've got this one. I could be a Wal-Mart greeter, I don't know. Maybe I'll play in a wedding band."

For now, however, Horan plays the saxophone in the Troppo Big Band Jazz Orchestra. The musical part of his life fits in because he is a learner, Horan said. He takes lessons where his role as teacher is reversed, and he

sits quietly as his performance is critiqued and homework is assigned.

Horan said he got into the band by accident. He was almost 40-years-old and figured he was too old to not know how to play an instrument. After buying a horn and beginning lessons, Horan was invited to join Troppo where he joined other saxophonists, drummers, guitarists, trumpeters, vocalists and more, to create music meant to make people dance.

The band – which consists of mostly amateur musicians – plays Latin tunes, polkas, rock 'n' roll, blues and of course, big band swing pieces.

Horan finds the mix of people in the band is what makes it so fun.

"We've got 88-year-old Bud Morgan and little Katie Rydlund who is 19-years-old. There's one seat that separates 70 years."

Whether he's learning from or teaching older or younger generations, Horan is certainly enjoying the adventures that come along with his "triple" life. When asked what advice he would give his students, Horan said he didn't have wisdom he could give in just a few words. After some thought, however, he changed his mind and seems to be following his own advice quite easily.

"Open your eyes, pay attention. Appreciate. It's always harder to do than it sounds," Horan said.

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- Stealin' Strings, The Hillside Ramblers, Hell Hounds, Mike and Josh, and Double Guaranteed Groove @ Waterfront. All Day. Free.

May 9, '07:

- UW-Stout Jazz Band @ The Terrace. 7 p.m. Free.

May 10, '07:

- Orestus @ Whiskey Dicks. 10 p.m. Free.

DVD Releases

May 08, '07:

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- Stomp the Yard

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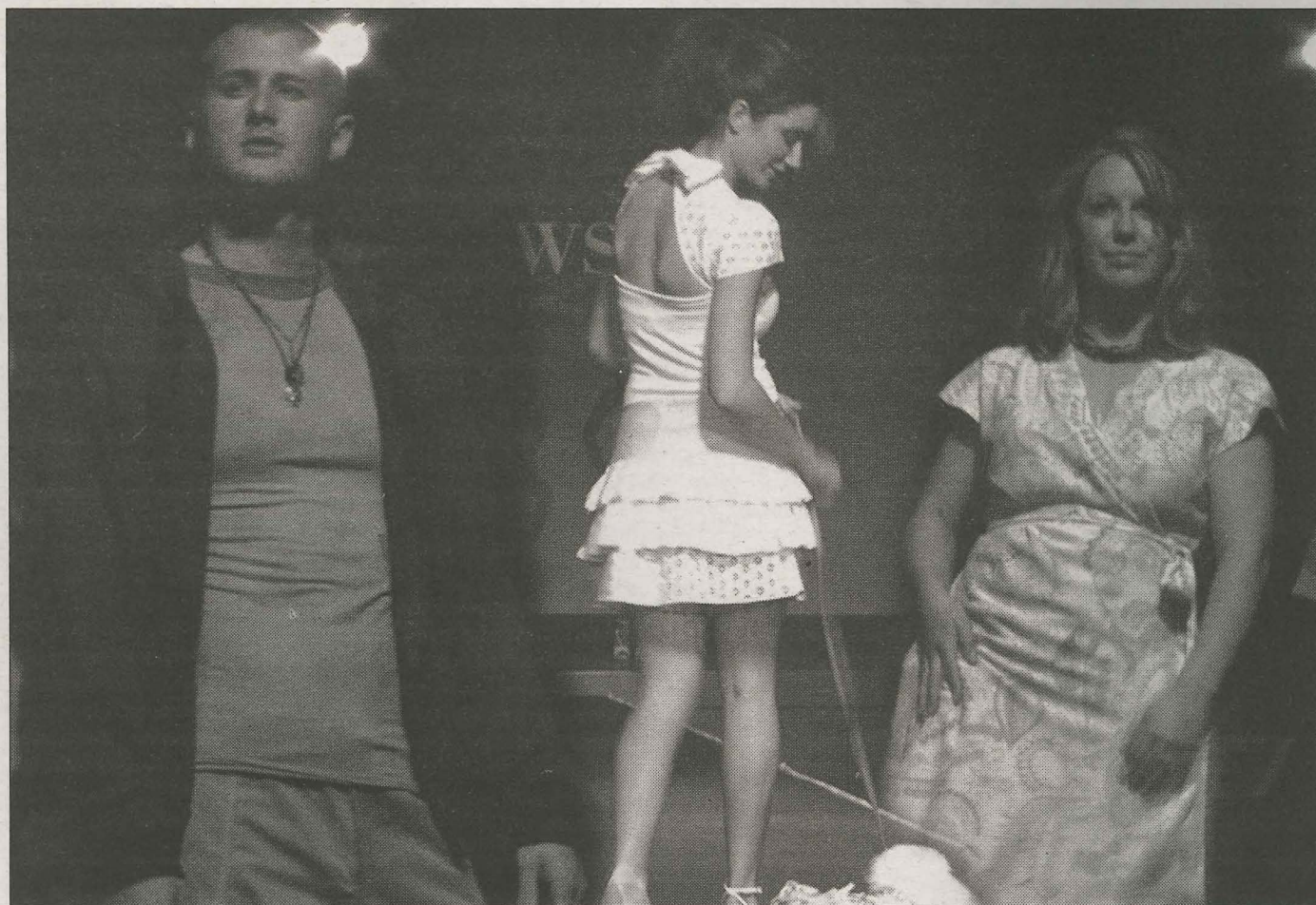
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Innovative design in student fashion



Drew Retherford/Stoutonia

Students studying apparel design and development at the University of Wisconsin-Stout know how to turn heads with their designs. The students research what is available currently in the fashion industry and take their designs a step further. The results appeared on models who took to the catwalk at the Silhouettes Fashion Show Sunday, April 29.

More than 60 student designers participated in the show. One student, Renee Barstow of Dresser, Wis., has designed a collection of hunting clothing for women, putting a feminine and fashionable touch on functional garments typically worn by men. Another student, Di Wichern of Sun Prairie, Wis., takes seams, a common construction element, and

uses them in an uncommon way to enhance a pregnant woman's figure. Another student uses cutting-edge technology to print all of her own fabric, utilizing personal photos and images that relate to her years at UW-Stout.

Students used many sources for inspiration, including personal interests, study abroad experiences, and the movies. Some of the students have interned in New York City and Los Angeles, and some students already have jobs lined up after graduation in May.

More than 20 award statues—similar to the Oscars—were given, recognizing criteria such as marketability, trendsetting and best in show.

Celebrate the end of semester with BDP

Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

For those who are looking for some entertainment before the all-consuming finals begin, the University of Wisconsin-Stout will host Roma Di Luna and The Floorbirds on Thursday, May 3 at 8 p.m. in the Rec Center. Mat Kearney with guest Shevy Smith will be performing a sold-out show in the Rec Center the following night at 8 p.m.

Opening for Di Luna is grassroots duo The Floorbirds from Minneapolis, Minn. Band members Daniel and Alyssa combine their Americana roots with a folk and blues sound to create classy pieces like "Weeping Willow" and "Moonshiner." More information about The Floorbirds can be found at www.myspace.com/thefloorbirds.

Di Luna, also from Minneapolis, Minn., will take the stage after The Floorbirds. The acoustic band is comprised of married couple Alexei and Channy Casselle. As husband

and wife, the two write their music together. Their music combines an early 20th century folk and country sound with a modern touch, beautiful vocals and haunting melodies that pay homage to the genre's American roots. The duo says they are influenced by musical artists Charlie Patton, Woody Guthrie, Elizabeth Cotten, Mahalia Jackson, Leonard Cohen and others. Visit www.romadiluna.com for more information about Di Luna.

Shevy Smith, a veteran performer at UW-Stout, will precede Mat Kearney on Friday night. Smith hails all the way from Nashville, Tenn., and derives her sound from the late '70s era of sunny California. Her influences include Tom Petty, The Band, Linda Ronstadt, and Emmylou Harris.

She is currently supporting her sophomore release, "September Songs," which features ten songs including "Left Hand Lane" and "Hummingbird." More information about the songstress can be found at her Web site, www.shevysmith.com.

To end the year with a bang, Blue Devil's Productions has brought Mat Kearney to the UW-Stout campus. Excited fans have already sold out this Friday's show, which promises to be a night of unique sound. Kearney's first album, "Bullet," is a musical effort that combined hip hop with traces of pop and folk. Shortly after, Kearney signed to Columbia Records and released his major-label debut, Nothing Left to Lose. Since its release in April 2006, Nothing Left to Lose has gone on to sell over 160,000 copies in the U.S. Kearney recently opened for John Mayer on a month-long U.S. tour and has been featured on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" and "Grey's Anatomy." He is currently wrapping up a headlining spot on VH1's "You Oughta Know" tour.

For those who missed out on buying the tickets to this show, there are future tour dates and music samples on Kearney's Web site, www.matkearney.com.

Sexy cuisine for you

Ashley Smolen
Food Columnist

Food brings forth a variety of feelings. Many have to do with the situations surrounding it. Some, however, have to do with the food itself. This is especially true of a unique group of foods known as aphrodisiacs. These foods have been proven to induce feelings of one of the most desired emotions on earth: love. Can food really cause people to fall in love? Historically, it is believed to be true.

Up to the eighteenth century, many European recipes were based on the theories of the Roman physician Galen, who wrote that foods worked as aphrodisiacs if they were "warm and moist." Spices, mainly pepper, were important in aphrodisiac recipes. Carrots, asparagus, anise, mustard, nettles and sweet peas were commonly considered aphrodisiacs.

These foods were literally thought of to be a form of potion to bring about intense feelings of love in individuals. Today, aphrodisiacs are thought of as something that inspires lust.

Aphrodisiacs today are not thought of with the same value they held in eighteenth century Europe. They are, however, still considered to be potentially successful in creating positive feelings after ingestion.

About.com yields a list of common aphrodisiacs today, as well as what gives them their love-worthy qualities.

- **Alcohol:** lowers inhibitions and increases confidence; however, over-indulgence has a sedative effect not conducive to a romantic tryst.

- **Asparagus:** three courses of asparagus were served to 19th century bridegrooms due to its reputed aphrodisiacal powers.

- **Banana:** due not only to its shape, but also its creamy, lush texture. Some studies show its enzyme, bromelain, enhances male performance.

- **Caviar:** is high in zinc, which stimulates the formation of testosterone, maintaining male functionality.

- **Champagne:** viewed as the "drink of love," moderate quantities lower inhibitions and cause a warm glow in the body.

- **Chocolate:** contains both a sedative which relaxes and lowers inhibitions and a stimulant to increase activity and the desire for physical contact. It was actually banned from some monasteries centuries ago.

- **Figs:** seasonal crops were celebrated by ancient Greeks in a frenzied copulation ritual.

- **Ginseng:** increases desire for physical contact.

- **Perfumes:** made of natural foodstuffs such as almond, vanilla, and other herbs and spices act as a pheromone to communicate emotions by smell.

- **Puffer Fish:** considered both a delicacy and an aphrodisiac in Japan. If the poisonous gland is not properly removed, the tiniest taste is deadly. The flirt with death is said to give a sexual thrill. Not recommended.

- **Oysters:** Some oysters repeatedly change their sex from male to female and back, giving rise to claims that the oyster lets one experience

the masculine and feminine sides of love.

- **Radish:** considered a divine aphrodisiac by Egyptian pharaohs, most likely because its spicy taste stimulated the palate.

- **Truffles:** probably due to its rarity and musky aroma, it has long been considered to arouse the palate and the body. To sustain his masculinity, an ancient lover in lore was said to have gorged himself to death on Alba truffles during the wedding feast.

The validity of aphrodisiacs is still being debated today. Some argue that the results are purely a result of belief. Known as the placebo effect, if one eats these foods, believing he or she will indeed experience feelings of lust and love, chances are the feelings will be present. So, with this little bit of knowledge tucked away, when it comes to aphrodisiacs, there's the thought that counts.

Others maintain there is a scientific basis for these foods; that upon eating them, balances and hormones in the body shift, releasing the supposed "feel good" emotions.

As studies continue and cultures continue to use these foods for a variety of reasons, the truth (or not) of aphrodisiacs is left in the decision of each individual.

If curiosity is worth exploring in this case, try the following recipe for chocolate fondue and fruit. By combining chile powder, chocolate, and a variety of fruits, this recipe seems like an aphrodisiac dream. Regardless of the feelings of love it may or may not produce, this recipe is an easy and delicious way to satisfy any desire. So what if it's a little 1977? When it comes to love, chocolate fondue works:

IT'S THE CHOCOLATE, STUPID!

- 3/4 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1 1/4 pounds good-quality semisweet chocolate, milk or dark, broken into small chunks
- 2 to 3 tablespoons kirsch (cherry liqueur) (optional)
- 1/4 teaspoon dried ancho chile powder
- Powdered sugar for coating
- Zest of 1/2 lemon
- Sliced bananas
- Whole strawberries
- Cake doughnuts, cut into chunks
- Wash fondue pot thoroughly.
- In a medium saucepan over medium heat, bring the cream to just short of a simmer -- until you can just dip your finger in, but not hold it there; no bubbles. Add the chocolate and whisk slowly into the cream. Stir until melted and the color evens. Add the kirsch and chile powder, whisking slowly until the mixture appears glossy. Remove from the heat.
- Light the fondue pot and add the melted chocolate mixture to the pot.
- Pour a small mound of powdered sugar onto each plate. Grate the zest from the lemon over each pile of sugar. Spear the fruit and doughnuts with fondue forks, and then dip into the fondue to coat. Drop the chocolate-covered item into the lemony powdered sugar. Eat immediately. Serves 2.



The Summer of Sequels

Katie Kenner
Entertainment Writer

As summer approaches the thought of movies comes to mind. Summer is generally the biggest time of the year for movies and this year is no different. This summer brings to us a large schedule of prequels, sequels, and sequels of sequels.

May 4
Spiderman 3 (PG-13)

A continuation of the Spiderman legacy as Peter Parker has more challenges to overcome.

May 11
28 Weeks Later (R)
6 weeks after tragedy London is rebuilt and repopulated but the virus still lurks.

May 18
Shrek the Third (PG)
King Harold dies leaving the crown to Shrek, while Princess Fiona has a surprise of her own.

May 26
Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (PG-13)
A quest to free Jack Sparrow from Davy Jones' locker while headed beyond the end of the earth.

June 8
Ocean's 13 (PG-13)
Danny Ocean gets the boys rounded up for a third heist after one of the original eleven is double-crossed by a casino owner.

Hostel: Part 2 (Not yet Rated)
Three American college students stay at a Slovakian hostel discovering that the hostel is not that hospitable.

June 15
Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer (Not yet Rated)
The Fantastic Four take on the Silver Surfer and the return of Dr. Doom.

June 22
Evan Almighty (PG)
An unusual adventure as God elects Evan Baxter to build him an ark in preparation for a great flood.

June 27
Live Free or Die Hard (Not yet Rated)
Fourth installment of Die Hard with the return of John McClane as he takes on a cyber villain.

July 13
Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (Not yet Rated)
Harry enters his fifth year at Hogwarts which will prove to be one of the most difficult yet.

August 3
The Bourne Ultimatum (Not yet Rated)
After a shootout in Moscow, Bourne tries to track down the rest of his past while still eluding the government.

August 10
Rush Hour 3 (Not yet Rated)
While visiting Paris, Carter and Lee get involved with the Chinese Triad.



Happy birthday, Volume One | Eau Claire publication celebrates five years

Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

Eau Claire's "Volume One" is celebrating its fifth year of print this week. To commemorate half a decade of existence, the publication is throwing an anniversary party on May 12 at the Stone's Throw in Eau Claire, Wis.

There will be prizes given out, including books, shirts, CDs, free slices of anniversary cake, caricatures and more. And what birthday party is complete without live music? Performing at the Stone's Throw for "Volume One" will be local musical outfits including Mike Perry and The Longbeds, The Daredevil Christopher Wright and Laarks.

Most exciting, though, is that this party is the first stop on the book release tour for "The Best of Volume One, Vol. 1," which is a 300+ page compilation of V1's "best attempts" at humor, entertainment and local culture coverage.

After the anniversary party, the "Volume One" gang will grab copies of the new book and hit the road for a handful of free spoken-word and multimedia events across the Chippewa Valley. Stops on the tour can be noted in the sidebar attached to this article.

"Volume One," the only free publication in the area dedicated to local arts and entertainment, has grown up since it was first printed in 2002. In its infancy, the publication was merely a hobby for Nick Meyer and Dale Karls, the founding fathers of the magazine who met while working together

at Menards in Eau Claire, Wis. Meyer and Karls saw a lack of, and need for, underground entertainment coverage and decided to combine forces.

"It wasn't entirely planned," said Meyer, Volume One's editor in chief. "There were under-aged punk rock shows going on in basements, there were writers and poetry slams, things that people weren't aware of. So we really just wanted a place to showcase that."

The first 24-page issue was black and white and hit the stands mid-March of 2002. Meyer and Karls' assumption was correct: the entertainment-starved community soon picked up on the new publication and, according to Meyer, "Everything sort of swelled from there."

Since its inception, V1 has utilized the writing ability of contributors from the Eau Claire and surrounding areas. As the publication grew, so did the need for a constant staff. For over a year now the publication has employed seven full-time staff members, including two editorial writers.

While the magazine may be growing, Meyer says that it will remain a local magazine.

"We're not in a situation where we want to go to another location and start another magazine," said Meyer. "We're just doing our thing locally, and that's really the only reason it works."

"Volume One" has given many writers and artists the opportunity to showcase their talents and be heard. The original artwork on the cover and inside the magazine is from lo-

cal artists that staff members pick out. Sometimes they venture to Menomonie to see what the art scene here has to offer the publication. Artists from the University of Wisconsin-Stout have been included in many issues of V1 and has helped the publication through the artistically "dry" summer months.

"Some of my favorite covers are from Stout students. It's a really good art department over there," said Meyer.

To show support for the publication, come to the anniversary party at the Stone's Throw on May 12, beginning at 8 p.m. Cover charge is \$5. Purchase your copy of the "The Best of Volume One, Vol. 1" limited edition book for \$15. Starting on May 15, it will be available at a variety of locations including Crossroad Books, Borders Books and Music, and on-line at www.volumeone.org.

"The Best of VolumeOne, Vol. 1" -BOOK TOUR-

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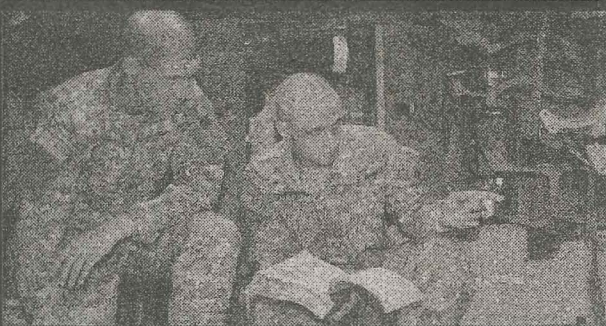
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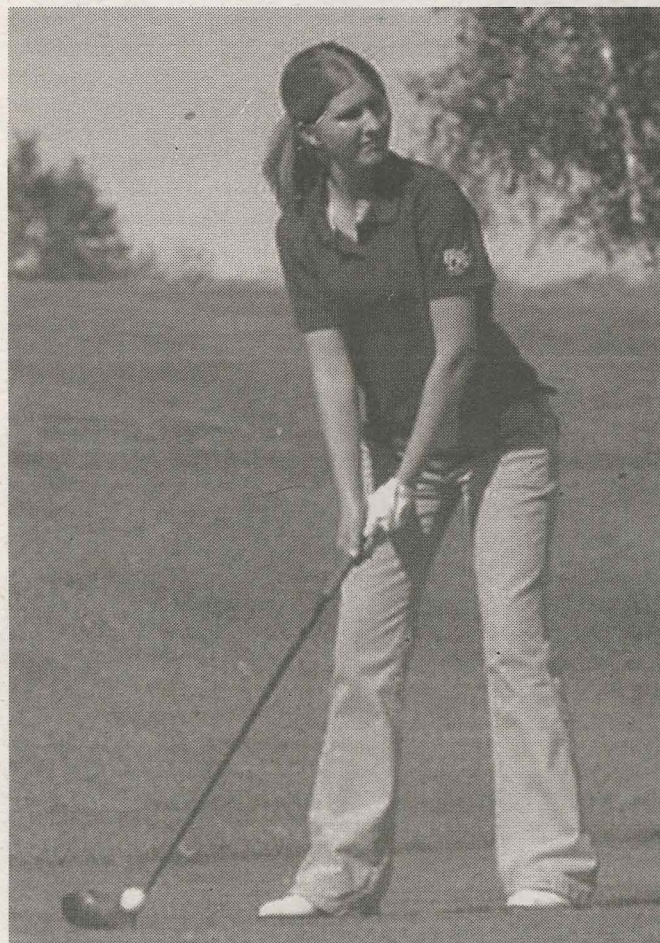
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The women's golf team closes first official year of program



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Looking at scores, the team didn't do very well, but the program is looking good and goals are being set for next year.

By Casey Nold
Sports Editor

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's golf team wrapped up the first season of its new program on April 28 and 29 at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Invite.

Head golf coach Kristine Schoonover, a first year coach and professor at UW-Stout looks back on this year as she prepares for next year.

"Coming to UW-Stout I had a strong interest in the academic side of it," said Schoonover. "Then with the new program, came the coaching."

When she coached golf at University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, Schoonover started the women's program there from nothing into a WIAC championship winning team. She has a similar goal for this program.

"There are two main things I am looking at when start-

ing this new program," said Schoonover. "The first is trying to get recognition that there is a women's program and the second is working with the individuals."

Schoonover went on to mention that although this is a team sport, it is important to work on individual skill. As much as the girls work together, they are really competing individually.

"[While] coaching at UW-Oshkosh, I always enjoyed watching the progression of the program," said Schoonover. "You are constantly gaining more understanding for the game."

She also mentioned that when she teaches her athletes she doesn't tell them to use a seven iron on this shot or a wedge on that shot. She gives the students the tools and lets them play. She teaches them what to do and why in a given situation.

Throughout the season, Schoonover noticed that the WIAC is continually raising its standards and becoming tougher to compete in.

"The WIAC is the toughest conference in the nation," said Schoonover. "It keeps raising the bar, which means that we need more consistent golfers, ability-wise. When recruiting, we need to consider more golfers who have played at the state level during high school."

Schoonover said that recruiting players who have played at the higher levels in high school have more experience competing in the atmosphere that the WIAC golf program brings.

Schoonover has plans of bringing in three new recruits, a possible four returning students from the first season and she expects that there will be a few walk-ons.

This season's team only had five players, which Schoonover said is ideal for a beginning program. She hopes to have from seven to nine players next year which will be ideal for the goals she has for next year's team.

"This year was about competing," said Schoonover. "Now it is about competing in the WIAC; we want to be competitive. Three or four years from now we want to go to nationals."

Schoonover said that right now they are also focusing on bringing new people in who can be competitive. She said that one thing that can really make a team and a program grow are the students who have the ability to

play at Division I levels but choose to play at the Division III level.

Schoonover is also a teacher in the golf enterprise management major. She teaches golf enterprise 101, principles of golf enterprise management and another course in the hotel and tourism management major. Next fall the major will start to offer on-line courses.

There are currently 120 students in the golf enterprise management program and 49 coming in next fall.

Schoonover mentioned how important it is in her aspects to have student-athletes who are dedicated to the game but also to their studies.

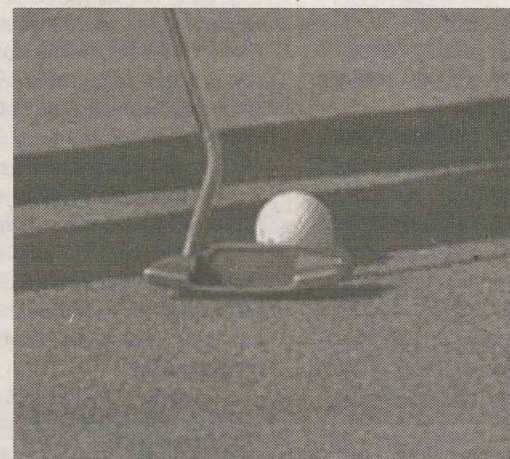
"I would take a better student than an athlete any day and make them a great player," said Schoonover. "I am very hard on my athletes as students. I have high expectations and demands from them as students and as athletes."

Another way she would like to see the program grow is to see more students participate in the sport who are also in the golf enterprise management program.

"About half of the girls on the team are golf enterprise management majors," said Schoonover. "In the men's program, 75 percent of the guys are in the golf enterprise management program. I would like to see growth in the number of women on the team who are golf enterprise management majors."

Schoonover has already started planning next year and has a solid idea of how she wants this program to grow over the next few years. With all of her previous experience, it seems like she is the right person for the job.

In her efforts to help the program grow, she is also working hard to help the students in the golf enterprise management program.



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Coach Schoonover has recruits ready for second year. She has big expectations.

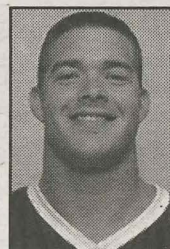


Jesse Wendt

Senior wide receiver Jesse Wendt, a business major from Chetek, Wisc.

Ryan Englebert

Senior running back Ryan Englebert, a business major from Sturgeon Bay, Wisc.



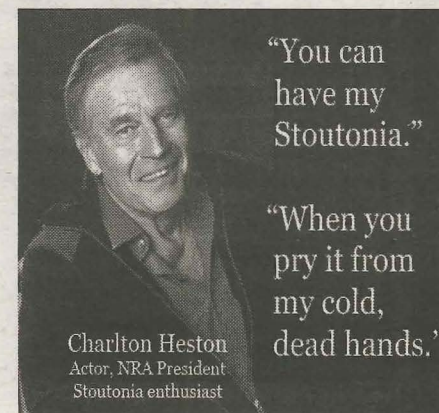
Wendt



Englebert

Wendt: An hour after the NFL draft concluded, Wendt received a phone call from his agent who informed him that he would get a chance to play with the Washington Redskins. Wendt leaves for their rookie camp this weekend (May 4-6).

Englebert: Englebert awaited a call from one of the 32 NFL teams during the draft on April 28-29. He received a call Monday morning at 8:00 a.m. from the Cincinnati Bengals. He is attending their camp this weekend.

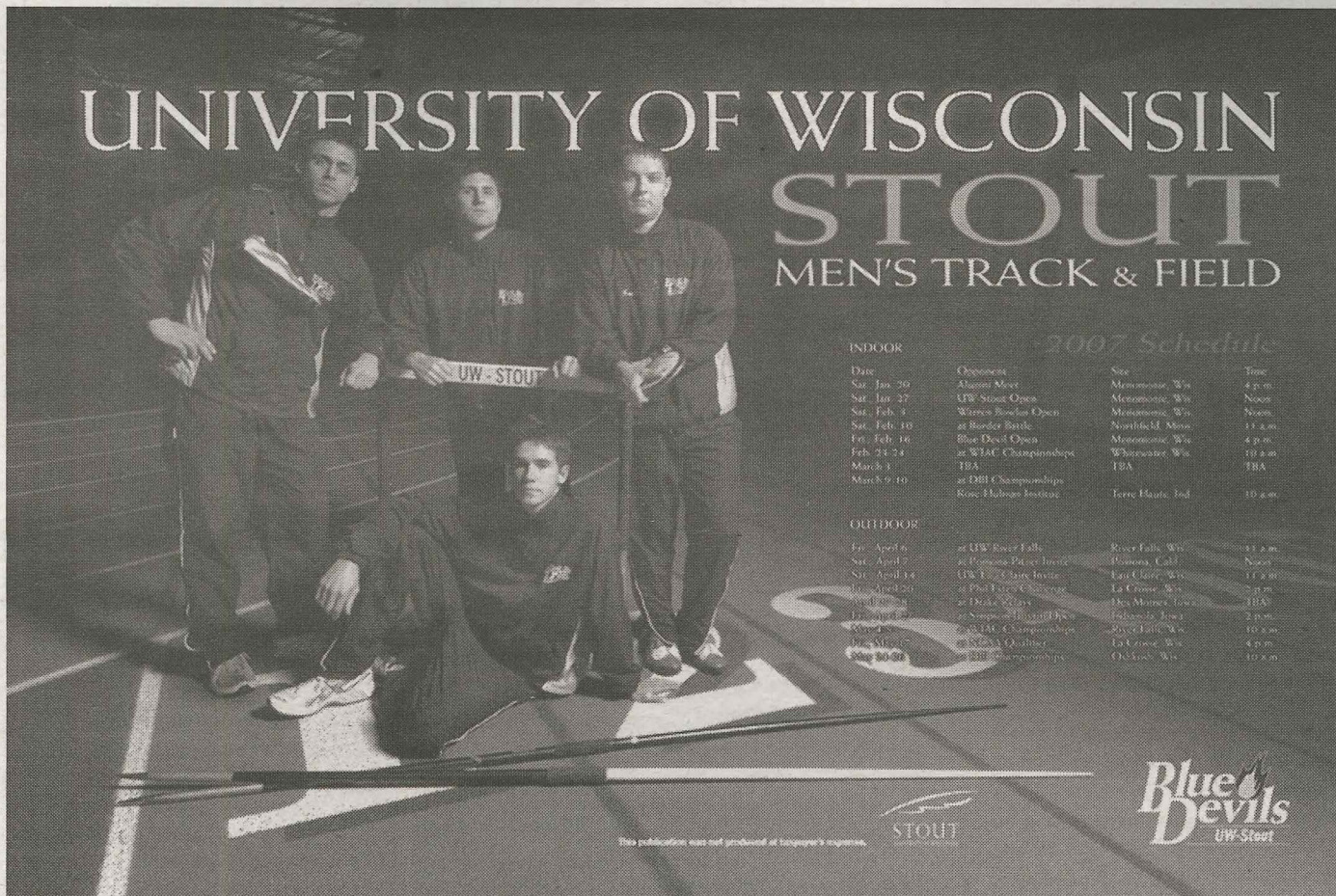


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Men's track team nears end of season sending five to nationals



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MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

2007 Schedule

INDOOR		OUTDOOR	
Date	Opponent	Date	Opponent
Sat. Jan. 20	Algonquin	Fri. April 6	at UW-River Falls
Sat. Jan. 27	UW-Stout Open	Sat. April 7	at Port Huron, Mich.
Sat. Feb. 3	at Marquette	Sat. April 14	UW-Stout Open
Sat. Feb. 10	Blue Devil Open	Sat. April 21	at Phila. Univ.
Fri. Feb. 16	at WIAC Championships	Sat. April 28	at Drake Univ.
March 3	TBA	Fri. May 4	at Wisconsin State Open
March 9-10	at DIII Championships	Sat. May 5	at WIAC Championships
	River Falls, Wis.	Sat. May 12	at NCAA Outdoor
		Sat. May 19	at DIII Championships

Blue Devils
UW-Stout

The men's track and field team is heading to UW-River Falls May 4-5 for the WIAC Outdoor Championships. Five players are getting ready for the nationals and more players will have a chance to advance after this weekend's meet.

By Josh Parshley
Sports Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout men's track and field team will be heading to River Falls, Wis. this weekend. There the team will battle it out once again at the

WIAC Championship. So far five of the teammates have been marked to go to the nationals. Hopefully after this weekend a few more players may move on.

Looking back at this season, there are a lot of positives. Coach Josh Buchholtz was

very pleased with the team's efforts.

"I really like the team's performance this year," said coach Buchholtz. "We have made a lot of strides forwards. Right now, we have a good chance to move up from where we were last year." He also mentioned

how he was really happy with the ability of the team to produce players who are marked for nationals.

Even though the team seems a little young, they are coming together quite nicely. Coach Buchholtz did note how he has some good young guys, but with that said we just can't overlook the upperclassmen.

"I feel we have something that works," said senior Ryan Carpenter, an engineering major. "Every year we are one step in the right direction."

Carpenter himself has put his foot in the door by qualifying for nationals and at the same time, being only four inches away from the school's triple jump record. He also expressed how even though the team will be losing some guys after this season, they expect to pick up some good ones, too.

With the WIAC Championship approaching, the players will be on their toes. As far as coach Buchholtz is concerned, he just wants the players to do what they have been doing.

He hopes that his athletes will be able to pull out their season's best runs this weekend. He knows the team is in contention to move up in the ranks and that is what he hopes will happen after the championship is over.

This season is coming to a close in a few weeks and thus begins the preparations for next year. Even during the interview, coach Buchholtz was already in the process of meeting a new recruit. He believes that the team should be very good next year, explaining how UW-Stout could be getting some of the top athletes around Wisconsin and Minnesota.

With the high hopes of finishing strong and the hard work of getting new top-notch recruits, we should expect a lot of excitement from the UW-Stout men's track and field team.

The team ends the year with the WIAC Championship this weekend and then the NCAA Championship the following weekend.

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Blue Devil SCHEDULE

Blue Devil Baseball

19-17 The UW-Stout Baseball team won three of four games in their back to back double header against UW-LaCrosse April 21-22.

Next Game: At UW-Platteville on May 4th 1 p.m. and May 5th at noon.

Women's Track & Field

On April 20th Junior Rachel Richardson set a personal best for the second consecutive meet in the steeplechase. On April 28th at the Macalester College Invite the team placed ninth of 14 teams. Freshman Ashlea Peter finished second in the triple jump.

Next Meet: May 4-5 at the WIAC Outdoor Championships in River Falls, Wis.

Blue Devil Softball

16-19 The women's softball team was in a five game losing streak. They pulled a win out of the second game against St. Scholastica, but then lost four more games in a row. They are currently on a two game winning streak.

Next Game: Friday May 4th at the WIAC Conference Tournament against UW-Platteville.

Women's Golf

The women's golf team placed sixth of six teams in the UW-Eau Claire Invite. UW-Stout's Molly Loney tied for 22nd place at the meet.

Men's Track & Field

At the Phil Esten Challenge on April 20th, the men's track team placed third of seven teams. Ryan Carpenter placed second in the triple jump, and Eric Washington placed second in the long jump.

Next Meet: May 4-5 at the WIAC Championships in River Falls, Wis.

Men's Golf

April 28-29 Men's Golf placed fourth of seven teams at the Augsburg Invite. Junior Geoff Pirk placed seventh at the meet.

Next Meet: May 8-11 is the NCAA Championships.

Baseball to play at UW-Platteville | Softball in two game winning streak | Men's and Women's track to participate in WIAC Outdoor Championships



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1 1	1803 7th Street	\$275	\$275	washer/dryer parking, good location, utilities included	SR
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1 1	1203 1/2 14th Avenue East	\$325	\$325	upper duplex, nice size rooms	D
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #4	\$345	\$345	Great location, utilities Included Parking, efficiency	8
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #9	\$365	\$365	great location, includes WSG & heat, efficiency	A
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2 1	115 Main Street West	\$380	\$190	Close to campus and downtown	3
2 1	915 1/2 Main Street	\$395	\$198	Avail. 9/01/07 good location in duplex, w parking	D
2 1	2121 5th Street #B	\$420	\$210	Inc. WSG, washer dryer	4
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5 2	405 20th Avenue East	\$850	\$170	great house washer/dryer garage, modern	H
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5 2	121 13th Avenue West	\$1,000	\$200	large, super location. Washer/dryer	D
6 2	1402 8th Street**	\$700	\$117	washer/dryer gas heat good layout	H
6 2	1603 7th Street	\$900	\$150	washer/dryer new carpet, very nice	H
6 2	115 17th Avenue West	\$1,100	\$183	house, location, washer/dryer Parking	D
6 2	1714 8th Street	\$1,100	\$183	large deck, gas heat, washer/dryer	H
6 2	321 20th Avenue #C	\$1,200	\$200	new large bedrooms, washer/dryer	4
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- Sustainability Speaks. 4 p.m. Room 208, Home Economics
- How to Find a Co-op/ Internship workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. 4th Floor, Library Learning Center.

Friday, May 4

- Try the UW-Stout Ropes Course for Free. 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. By UW-Stout Tennis Courts, Menomonie

Saturday, May 5

- Hmong Wedding 101 - 21st Annual Education Conference. Register by 8 a.m. 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Great Hall, MSC

Monday, May 7

- Spaghetti Benefit Dinner for Derrick James Freeberg. Cost: \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door. 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Menomonie Leisure Center, Menomonie

Tuesday, May 8

- Last Day of Classes.
- End of the Year Loft Return. 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. North Campus - Wigen Basketball Court, South Campus - Sidewalk between AF and CKTO.
- University Recreation - Stout Adventures Present: Adventure New Zealand for Winter Break 2007 informal meeting. 7 p.m. Ballroom B, MSC

Wednesday, May 9

- Study Day, No Classes.
- End of the Year Loft Return. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. North Campus - Wigen Basketball Court, South Campus - Sidewalk between AF and CKTO.
- Spring Perennial Plant Exchange. 12 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Entrance Garden Area, Library Learning Center

Thursday, May 10

- Evaluation Week Begins

Friday, May 11

- "I DID ID" showcase by UW-Stout Senior Industrial Design Students. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Room 216, Applied Arts

Saturday, May 12

- May 2007 Commencement for College of Arts and Sciences, and College of Technology and Engineering and Management Graduates. 9:30 a.m. Johnson Fieldhouse

Wednesday, May 16

- Evaluation Week Ends.
- Residence Halls close. 7 p.m.

Entertainment

Thursday, May 3

- Susie Bjorklund - music. Cost: \$14 adults, \$12 students and seniors. 7 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie
- Book Release/ Reading: Andrea Nelson. 7 p.m. Acoustic Café, Eau Claire
- Roma Di Luna with The Floorbirds - music. Cost: \$1 public, Free with Stout ID. 8 p.m. Rec Center, MSC
- Sassy Majoo - music. 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Jake's Supper Club, Menomonie
- The Jaggernauts, The Resets, and A Gun that Shoots Knives - music. Cost: \$5. 9:30 p.m. House of Rock, Eau Claire

Friday, May 4

- 6th Annual Battle of the Bands - music. Cost: \$5. 7 p.m. State Theatre, Eau Claire
- Mat Kearney with Shevy Smith - music. 8 p.m. Harvey Hall Theatre, Harvey Hall
- Kristen Melrose - music. 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Acoustic Café, Eau Claire
- English Fest Show: The Mark Joseph Project, Downers Grove, Wes and the Arabian Finesse, and The Electric West - music. Cost: \$5. Doors open at 8 p.m., Show starts at 9 p.m. House of Rock, Eau Claire
- Red Stripe Rasta Party: Unity - music. Cost: \$4. 9:30 p.m. Stones Throw, Eau Claire
- Casanatra, The Resets, and The Jaggernauts music. 11 p.m. Mr. Heavy's, Menomonie

Saturday, May 5

- Stout Extreme Challenge. University Recreation Center, UW-Stout
- Trip to Festival of Nations and Twins Game sponsored by International Relations Club. Sign up at the SOC desk by May 3. Cost: \$20. Meet

outside Student Center at 9:30 a.m.

- Cinco de Mayo Celebration. Cost: \$10. 1 p.m. Stout Ale House, Menomonie
- Cinco de Mayo Hoedown: Stealin' Strings, The Hillside Ramblers, and The Long Hollow Hellhounds - music. Cost: \$2. 5 p.m. Waterfront Bar and Grill, Menomonie
- Arkansaw Thespian Travelers: Wonderland play. Cost: \$10 adults, \$8 students and seniors, \$6 children. 7 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie
- Squeeze This - music. 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Acoustic Café, Eau Claire
- Mark Kreitzer - music. 8 p.m. Acoustic Café, Menomonie

Sunday, May 6

- Arkansaw Thespian Travelers: Wonderland play. Cost: \$10 adults, \$8 students and seniors, \$6 children. 2 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Monday, May 7

- Jazz Night: Adam Braatz Quartet, and Connie Johns Dixieland Band - music. 6:30 p.m. Stones Throw, Eau Claire

Tuesday, May 8

- Jon Sunde, Brad Hoshaw, and Korey Anderson music. 9 p.m. House of Rock, Eau Claire
- Open Jam - music. 9:30 p.m. Stones Throw, Eau Claire

Wednesday, May 9

- UW-Stout Jazz Band Concert. 7 p.m. Terrace, MSC

Thursday, May 10

- Open Mic. 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Acoustic Café, Eau Claire
- Joe Bones - music. 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Jake's Supper Club, Menomonie
- MoonDawg - music. 10 p.m. Waterfront Bar and Grill, Menomonie

Friday, May 11

- Mabel Tainter Spring Fine Arts and Crafts Faire. Cost: \$3. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie
- Jeff Ray and Michael Gruber - music. 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Acoustic Café, Eau Claire
- Day Old Bread, Hyder Ali, and The Blend music. Cost: \$5. 9 p.m. House of Rock, Eau Claire
- Downers Grove and Stealin' Strings - music. Cost: \$3. 9:30 p.m. Stones Throw, Eau Claire

Saturday, May 12

- Mabel Tainter Spring Fine Arts and Crafts Faire. Cost: \$3. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie
- Ballet of the Dolls "Cajun Country Cabaret" - ballet. Cost: \$18 adults, \$16 students and seniors. 8 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie
- Volume One Five-Year Anniversary Party. Cost: \$5. Reading at 8 p.m., Rocking at 10 p.m. Stones Throw, Eau Claire
- Steve Stabenow - music. 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Acoustic Café, Eau Claire
- Double Guaranteed Groove - music. 8 p.m. Acoustic Café, Menomonie
- Drunk Drivers, Screaming Cyn Cyn and The Pons, and The Gusto - music. Cost: \$5. 10 p.m. House of Rock, Eau Claire

Monday, May 14

- Jazz Night: Adam Braatz Quartet, and Connie Johns Dixieland Jazz Band - music. 6:30 p.m. Stones Throw, Eau Claire

Athletics

Tuesday, May 1

- Softball vs. Hamline University, 4 p.m.

Friday, May 4

- Softball WIAC Conference Tourney, Eau Claire, TBD
- Baseball at UW-Platteville, 1 p.m.
- Men's and Women's Track at WIAC Championships at River Falls

Saturday, May 5

- Softball WIAC Conference Tourney, Eau Claire, TBD
- Baseball at UW-Platteville, noon
- Men's and Women's Track at WIAC Championships at River Falls

Sunday, May 6

- Baseball at St. Thomas, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, May 8 - Friday, May 11

- Men's Golf NCAA Division III Championships, TBA

Friday, May 11 - Saturday, May 12

- Baseball WIAC Conference Tourney, Wisconsin Rapids, TBA

Friday, May 17

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Apartments
For Rent

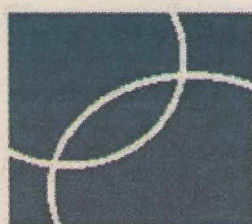
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Congratulations Graduates

Wednesday May 16th The Last Hurrah Party

\$2 Taps & \$2 rails till 1 AM

Saturday May 5th Cinco De Mayo Party

\$2.75 Bottles of Coronas, and Dos Equis

\$2 Shots of Jose Cuervo

Tuesday

\$2.00 Domestic Bottles, Taps & Rails 11-1

Wednesday

All Imports \$3.00

Triple Rail Drinks \$3.00

Thursday

\$1.50 Night

Domestic Bottles, Taps & Rails

only \$1.50 8pm - Midnight

Friday

Ladies Night

Domestic Bottles, Taps & Rails \$1.50 14oz

Top Shelf Mixers \$2.50 14oz 8pm - Midnight

Saturday

Long Island Teas \$3.00

Jag & Cherry Bombs \$3.00

64oz Fish Bowls \$9.00

Always Great Drink Specials

2 for 1

Every Night Power Hour

11p.m. - 12a.m.

\$1.50 .20oz Taps

\$1.50 .14oz Rail Mixers

\$2.50 .14oz Top Shelf Mixers

Thursday

Open Jam Night

Join in & Play or Sing

or Just Watch

Live Music Fridays

April 20th Ol' Yeller

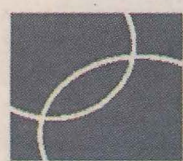
April 27th Skullcranes.

May 4th La Sinatra

Resets / Jaggernauts

May 11th Red Flags

Hard Left



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Address

205-D 17th Ave. E.
305-B 22nd Ave. E.
115-B 4th St. W.
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1121 7th St. E.
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1209 8th St. E.
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1312-1322 4th St. W.
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Description

6 Bdrms, 2 Bath, W/D, New Const., A/C, Close to Campus
6 Bdrms, 2 Bath, W/D, Central A/C, D/W, New Construction
5 Bdrms, 2 Bath, North Campus, Very Nice, Laundry, Storage
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1 Bdrm, 1 Bath, affordable, Clean Apartment, \$99 Sec. Dep.
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1 Bdrm, 1 Bath, Quiet building, Long term tenants, Very Nice
1 Bdrm, 2 Bath, New Construction, All Utilities INCD. W/D, D/W, etc.
1 Bdrm, 2 Bath, Available per bedroom with ALL UTILITIES INCD.!!!!

Bdrm.

\$270/bdrm.
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\$195/bdrm.
\$220/bdrm.
\$260/bdrm.
\$185/bdrm.
\$200/bdrm.

Unit

\$1620
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\$975
\$880
\$1040
\$740
\$800
\$420
\$625
\$725
\$405
\$525
\$525

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